

## There is No Such Thing as a Pro-Labor Conservative

July 31, 2024

Editorial from the Libertarian Socialist Caucus attacking the appearance of Teamster president Sean O'Brien at the recent Republican National Convention.

by Jesse M.

Like everyone on the Left, I see no difference between the Democrats and Republicans, so I have no problem with Teamster president Sean O'Brien speaking to the Republican National Convention.

Just kidding! I'm an anarchist, not a sucker.

While there were some cathartic moments in O'Brien's speech, where he lambasts Republicans for not supporting workers, it seems like a part of a larger project of his to try to create some sort of "pro-labor conservative." He said that an essay by noted dipshit Sen. Josh Hawley was "100% on point."

Hawley, one of those salt-of-the-earth pro-worker Republicans who didn't learn enough about the Common Man at Stanford and decided to take advanced courses on the subject at Yale Law School, had this analysis of American business in the piece O'Brien linked to:

*"The C-suite long ago sold out the United States, shuttering factories in the homeland and gutting American jobs, while using the profits to push diversity, equity, and inclusion and the religion of the trans flag."*

It's fun to call Hawley a dipshit (which is why I already have), but the unfortunate truth is that he's not really *this* stupid. He doesn't truly think corporate America is "using the profits to push diversity, equity, and inclusion," because profit is the money the investor class keeps for themselves, by definition. He was, at Stanford, a student of history; unfortunately, while some of us read history and see how fascists across Europe co-opted worker movements for their own purposes and thought, "wow! That's really bad," Hawley was reading it as an instruction manual.

"Pro-labor conservative" is a contradiction in terms. Being "pro-labor" means being an advocate for *all* workers, not a select, chosen few.

Hawley and O'Brien are trying to say that they're pro-worker... but not those trans workers. Not any worker who gets pregnant and needs health care, either. Not any workers who aren't Christian, and of the Christians, not the ones who immigrated here. Hawley doesn't even believe in the right of public sector workers to unionize. America's *largest union*, the NEA, is in the public sector.

So that's your pro-labor

conservatism: saying you stand for workers, but then sectioning off more and more workers until the slim remainder left are the cis, straight, white, male, USA-born (and only in *private-sector* workplaces). And we'd love to see O'Brien's organizing charts of the workplaces he wants to organize, like Amazon, whose ALU affiliated with the Teamsters, when the only votes the union will get are in that group.

This is what happens when the president of a labor union is held up as some sort of savior figure: he sucks. He goes out seeking personal fame instead of amplifying the voices of the members of his union.

The demonstrable fact that Democrats are a miserable excuse for a political party, and that unions spending so much money, staff time, and worker-leader capacity hasn't led to the results we need, isn't an excuse to go hang out with bigots instead. It means go do something else.

When Teamsters are organizing new members, like any union, they make sure workers know the union isn't some third party, like their bosses are claiming. It's not run as a dictatorship by a Hoffa any more, it's a democratic institution. The union *is the workers*, organized together.

That's the promise. Stop fucking breaking it. Stop throwing your LGBT workers, your workers of color, and any workers in solidarity

with them under the bus.

Are you a rank-and-file Teamster, or any other union member, who wants to push your union to live up to its values? Or are you one of the 93% of private-sector workers not represented by a union, but want to organize one? [Join DSA](#), meet with other workers near you, and get trained. Either take Labor Notes' "Secrets of a Successful Organizer" training online, or in person with a group. It's how I went from being a retail worker who was technically in a union, but had no idea what it meant, to a union organizer.

Are you a DSA member who agrees that the Democrats being terrible is a reason to put our energy into something other than electoral politics? [Join our caucus](#).

## Building Support for Anarchist Political Prisoner Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel and Okupa Che

July 30, 2024

On this episode of the *It's Going Down* podcast, *IGD* contributor [Scott Campbell](#) speaks with Flor, a compa in so-called Mexico actively involved in supporting [anarchist political prisoner Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel](#). They speak about [Okupa Che](#), an autonomous, self-managed space on the campus of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), a project where Yorch has been a long-term participant. They then talk about the various charges and legal battles Yorch has faced since 2016, his ongoing imprisonment since December 8, 2022, and his recent sentence of seven years and six months. Flor also provides information on how folks can act in solidarity with Yorch and discusses the cases of other political prisoners in Mexico.



For more information about Yorch and Okupa Che, check out the following resources:

- [Free Yorch on Instagram](#)
- [Free Yorch blog](#)
- [Email Yorch's support crew](#)
- [Donate to support Yorch](#)
- [An IGD interview with Yorch](#)
- [Okupa Che on Instagram](#)
- [Okupa Che on Facebook](#)

## This Is America #198: Boeing 5, Heath Autonomy Convergence, Deep-Dive on Project 2025

July 29, 2024

Welcome, to *This Is America*, July 29th, 2024.

In this episode first we present an interview on the case of the [Boeing 5 in Ohio, anti-war activists who are facing charges for an action which shut down a Boeing facility](#) for its role in the ongoing genocide of Palestinians. We then speak with organizers about the upcoming [Health Autonomy Convergence happening in Vermont in October](#). We then launch into a deep dive into Project 2025.

All this and more, but first, *let's get to the news!*

### Living and Fighting

[Resistance in solidarity](#) with those in occupied Palestine continues. In [Arizona](#):

...clandestine saboteurs struck the Caterpillar facility near...I-10 in Tucson, AZ, in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle against

ongoing genocide by the Israeli state. The tires of multiple mobile generators were slashed and a message vandalized the facility wall [reading]: "Bulldoze your butts, not Gaza." Caterpillar has been a supplier of military equipment used by the Israeli state in their campaign of terror and mass death. Saboteurs have targeted Caterpillar at least twice in Tucson this year. More broadly, clandestine sabotage has been one strategy taken by autonomous actors against the global corporations who produce and supply the material means for the unfolding atrocity.

In [Montreal](#):

On the night of July 19th, a demo of pro Palestine militants took the streets of downtown Montreal, targeting the Quebec Deposit and Investment Fund (CDPQ), Scotiabank, and the Google offices. The media has remained completely silent and has not reported on the demo. So as long as the ruling elites fail to deliver justice, they will never get peace.

Meanwhile in Washington DC, thousands mobilized to block streets during far-Right Israeli prime minister Netanyahu's speech in front of Congress, while over the course of three nights, protesters rallied outside of the hotel where Netanyahu was staying. Maggots and other bugs were also released inside the banquet hall where Netanyahu was reportedly dining, [video of which quickly went viral online](#). Police responded with pepper-spray and chemical weapons against crowds of protesters, who ["vandalized \[a\] Christopher Columbus statue...near Union Station"](#) with slogans in support of Palestine and pulled down and burned an American flag. During his speech in front of Congress, which responded with a standing ovation, Netanyahu called for a continuation of the genocide in Gaza and [attacked pro-Palestinian demonstrators in the US as terrorists and pushed conspiracy theories](#) that the growing protests were simply the result of Iranian influence and funding.

Across the US, [people hit the streets to protest the brutal police murder of Sonya Massey](#), a 36 year-old mother who was shot and killed in her home while standing next to her stove by a sheriff after calling 911 about a possible prowler.

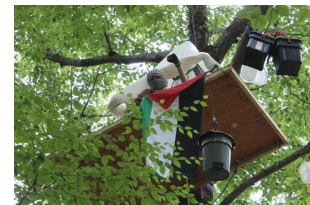
In Houston, Texas, groups like [West Street Recovery](#), [Space City Anarchists](#) and [Houston Food Not Bombs](#) have been hard at work providing autonomous disaster relief in the face of hurricane Beryl, which has [killed at least 36 people as millions were left without power and air conditioning](#) amidst a record heat wave.

In New York, [hundreds gathered to discuss ways to mobilize against a proposed Cop City project in Queens](#).



Really Free Market in Redlands, CA

In Redlands, CA antifascist parents with Safe Redlands Schools organized a [‘back to school’ Really Really Free Market](#).



Tree-sit in Lincoln, MA against Enbridge pipeline that threatens a forest.

A tree-sit has been launched in Lincoln, MA against an Enbridge pipeline that threatens a forest. A statement from a tree-siter [posted to social media read:](#)

All fossil fuel fights must be anti-militarist. We are not only against these individual projects, but the

entire fossil fuel industry and the largest polluter on the planet: the US military. Solidarity to the protesters in Cambridge shutting down Elbit Systems, the Zionist weapons company profiting from the genocide of Palestinians. From the black birch trees of the Lincoln Forest to the Palestinian Olive Groves, glory to all struggling for a free and breathable world.

[Police have made several arrests as the tree-sit and other protests remain ongoing.](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **August 10th:** Black Rose Anarchist Federation 10th Anniversary Party. Oakland, CA. [More info here.](#)
- **August 31st:** Halifax Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 7th:** Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 7th - 8th:** Montreal Anarchist Tech Conference. [More info here.](#)
- **September 15th:** Running Down the Walls. Bloomington, IN. [More info here.](#)
- **September 15th:** Running Down the Walls. Philadelphia, PA. [More info here.](#)
- **September 15th:** Running Down the Walls. Chicago, IL. [More info here.](#)
- **September 15th:** Running Down the Walls. Lowell, MA. [More info here.](#)
- **September 28th:** Pushing Down the Walls. Huntington Park, CA. [More info here.](#)
- **September 20th - 22nd:** NYC Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 21st - 22nd:** Victoria Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 28th:** Hamilton Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 28th - 29th:** Seattle Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **October 6th:** Bay Area Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **October 18th - 20th:** Northeast Health Autonomy Convergence. [More info here.](#)

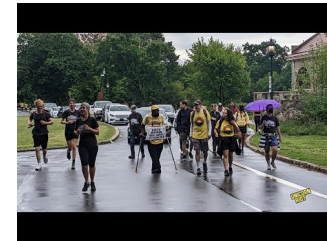
- **October 19th - 20th:** Boston Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **November 26th - 28th:** Indigenous anarchist convergence. Occupied so-called Phoenix, AZ. [More info here.](#)

## Running Down the Walls 2024 – The 25th Anniversary!

July 29, 2024

Announcing upcoming Running Down the Walls events in September of 2024 and beyond.

Since 1999, prisoners and supporters throughout Turtle Island, and recently in the UK, have participated in the annual event known as Running Down the Walls (RDTW) often running or walking simultaneously in many cities and prisons at once.



RDTW is a non-competitive 5K run/jog/walk/roll to raise awareness and funds for political prisoners as the primary fundraiser for the [ABCF Warchest Program](#). Over the years, we have raised \*tens of thousands\* of dollars and lots of awareness around the struggle to free political prisoners.



Many places will be hosting RDTW 2024 on Sunday, September 15th with a portion of



funds raised also supporting local groups of the organizers' choosing-see event details below for specifics.

## Planned Events in 2024:

**Huntington Park, CA**  
September 28th - 12pm  
3382 E Florence Ave

**Chicago, IL**  
September 15 - 5pm  
MCC Chicago - 71 W Van Buren  
MARCH & RALLY - 5K  
MARATHON - BIKE & RUN -  
BANDS & DJs

**Philadelphia, PA**  
September 15th - 11am sharp (Yoga warm-up at 10am)  
FDR Park + remote participation  
Registration deadline is September 1st (use link above)

**Bloomington, IN**  
September 15th - 1pm  
Bryan Park  
Registration through August (use link above)

**Lowell, MA**  
September 15th - 11am  
Boarding House Park, 40 French St

*This list will be updated as more events are announced. Donate to the [Anarchist Black Cross warchest program here](#).*

## Steve Ongerth on the Bombing of Judi Bari and Redwood Summer

July 22, 2024

On this episode of the *It's Going Down* podcast, we speak with Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) organizer and historian Steve Ongerth, author of [Redwood Uprising: From One Big Union to Earth First! and the Bombing of Judi Bari](#), about the Earth First! and IWW organizer Judi Bari, who in May of 1990, was almost assassinated in Oakland, CA. Many believe that Bari and another Earth First! organizer, Darryl Cherney, were directly targeted for their organizing in defense of redwood

forests in northern California, work that included [building alliances with timber workers](#).



As the website for [Redwood Uprising](#) wrote:

Just before 11:55 AM a bomb in Bari's car exploded, nearly killing her and injuring Cherney. Within minutes the FBI and Oakland Police arrived on the scene and arrested both of them as they were being transported to Highland Hospital. The authorities called them dangerous terrorists and accused the pair of knowingly transporting the bomb for use in some undetermined act of environmental sabotage when it had accidentally detonated. The media spun the event as the arrest of two potentially violent terrorists.

Bari and Cherney were not only Earth Firsters, they were dues paying members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)... Indeed, even some of the timber workers whom the media claimed were the sworn enemies of Earth First! were also members of the IWW and covertly working with Bari and Cherney. There were even a handful of timber workers who had openly declared their alliance with Earth First! and their support of Redwood Summer.

Following the bombing, the FBI and Oakland Police went to desperate lengths to try and "prove" the bombing victims were guilty, even to the point of providing false leads and manufacturing evidence.

During our discussion we speak with Steve about who Judi Bari was, how the IWW and Earth First! began to interact and influence

each other in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the [Redwood Summer campaign](#) that Bari was deeply involved in, the bombing of Bari and Cherney, and [Bari's organizing work that fought to bring together](#) both timber workers and environmentalists.

More Info: [Redwood Uprising](#) website and [Who Bombed Judi Bari?](#) on YouTube

## A Postmortem of the Failures of UofT's So-Called People's Circle for Palestine

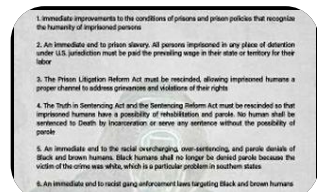
July 21, 2024

A critical look at liberal co-optation of the student encampment movement in Toronto in solidarity with Palestine. Originally posted to [North Shore Counter-Info](#).

As the Zionist entity's siege on Gaza enters its ninth month, the now-dead People's Circle for Palestine at UofT joins the ashes of Northwestern, McMaster, and numerous others as an exemplar of liberal cowardice in the face of a livestreamed genocide. Not only did this encampment fail to deliver on its stated goals of disclosure, divestment, and termination, it betrayed both the people that made it possible as well as the movement at large. Far from opening up new terrains of escalatory struggle, the organizers of this People's Circle spent the sixty-three days of its existence working tirelessly to make it a remarkable case study in defanging and dismantling the budding militancy of the local movement. It perverted its own promises, violated every principle of liberatory organizing; it wasted multiple weeks sabotaging the efforts of its own comrades while thousands in Gaza continued to be murdered. It turned something that could have been revolutionary for the city's organizing scene to a summer camp that years on will likely be remembered with nothing but shame. It was a disappointment and a disgrace.

Red flags had existed right from the moment it was launched, but one

**Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -**  
@JailLawSpeak · Jul 28  
It's important for JLS to acknowledge that there are ppl in prison & within the JLS membership demanding the right 2 vote - especially local elections. JLS will not endorse or promote any candidates that have a history of pro police & prison work. But we do acknowledge the demand



Charles Preston  
@\_CharlesPreston · Jul 28

I think it's fallacious to say that a vote is for "harm reduction" when you're talking about the Presidential election because there is no way to measure the amount of harm the Oval Office will cause in four years, especially when you consider incarceration and foreign policy.

Jericho Movement  
@Jericho4PPs · Jul 28

**PAROLE DENIAL AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY**



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JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION ON LEONARD PELTIER'S MOST RECENT PAROLE DENIAL AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY. Guests Include: Ward Churchill | Suzie Baer | Paul Berg Elder Len...

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LESSONS IN ORGANIZING A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS PEOPLE IN PRISON: Only a small percentage of outside organizers really mean what they say. Only a few will accept ppl inside as organizers on their issues #burntheprisons

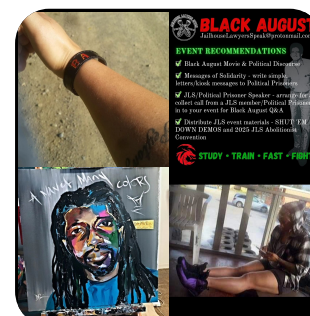
Disrupting prison pipelines  
@RocsHouse · Jul 25



Hey Doc,

Per usual, BA is approaching, I've started to set the tone waking up before the sunrise for our 1st set. Let's add swimming this year, it's FINALLY ready! ☺

and there's this girl at one of the shelters. I was able to connect with grandma. She's a firecracker! ...



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The beauty about organizing in prison and as a ppl in prison is that we don't have to be politically correct. That is the majority of your problems out there when it comes to organizing. You forgot that its only the ppl issues that matter. Its who you are supposed to be serving

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Respect to those ppl organizing that were formerly in here that keep the knots tied to and with the inside! Keep the fire burning!!! #Burntheprisons

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These hierarchical approaches by outside organizers on #prisonclass issues undermine the principles of inclusivity and empowerment in the movement as a whole

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There is a general lack of trust and skepticism towards outside organizers these days. Outside organizers take our issues to push their own personal agendas. They desire people in prison that are not critical of this point when conversing

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This is an example that most of us from the bottom are used to. Example also shows the Blk pig response. No surprise there either



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COPAGANDA showing the reactions over Sonya Massey of traitors [Blk cops] to our own community. You all do understand a pig is a pig. They literally do the same shit - beat us, kill us, frame us, abuse us, and hold the blue wall of silence. The police evolved from slave catchers

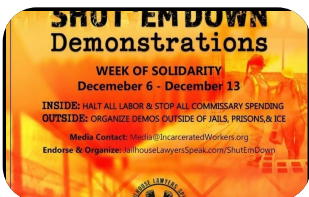


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If organizers and organizations have not done so yet, we are encouraging everyone to mail or remail information on the shutdown to the jails and prisons. Information can be found on



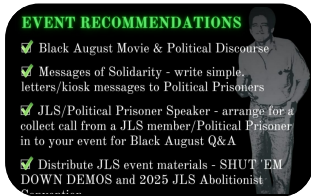
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[AUGUST 2025] JLS ABOLITION CONVENTION:

Convention announcement and flyer material will be released shortly. We will be looking for additional people and organizations to join the JLS abolitionist organizing committee for this event. Interested persons can contact us in advance



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Mutulu Shakur [[RIP]] inside USP speaking power!



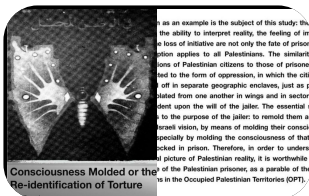
COCAINE CITY - LIVE FROM COLBURN FEDERAL WIT DR MUTULU SHAKUR AND CHAZ WILLIAMS OF BLACKHAND ENT.

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thephosphorescent woman  
@humancondishit · Jul 28

i didn't realize there was already a zine version of martyred prisoner revolutionary walid daqqah's work: consciousness molded or the re-identification of torture



Consciousness Molded or the Re-identification of Torture: Walid Daqqah: Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming: Internet Archive  
Print-ready PDF of a 2010 text by the martyr Walid Daqqah, formatted and published as a zine by Action Against Apartheid.



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Another pig in high office



NYC mayor issues emergency order suspending parts of new solitary confinement law  
New York City's mayor has issued an emergency order suspending parts of a new law intended to ban solitary confinement in local jails, citing concerns for the safety of staff and detainees.

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could be forgiven for having been optimistic back when the encampment was still within its infancy. For many in the city who were disillusioned by months of pointless rallies and hungered for more, there *had* initially been a few things to be optimistic about. By Toronto's unfortunately low standards, breaking open the fences of an enclosed privately-owned space to set up camp while multiple banner-wielding crews physically blocked the police from interfering was pretty damn militant. Yet this sole act of breaking and entering, it soon became clear, was where the line was drawn. In the two months following the breaching of King's College Circle's fences, UoT saw not one single large-scale escalation for Gaza: no building occupations, no disruptions of Board of Governor meetings, not even convocation ceremonies were meaningfully targeted. In fact, forget escalation: even simple attempts to strengthen the encampment's defenses were constantly shot down. Autonomous actors were repeatedly prevented even from building barricades and had to defy the organizers in order to reinforce the preexisting fences, and the tactics trainings independent crews had started in the camp were forced to a halt halfway through.

While encampments all across the world were courageously confronting police forces and taking on their universities in ever more creative ways, the organizers of the so-called People's Circle chose to abandon the very possibility of a principled defense or strategic escalation, not only failing to build a movement that could sustain such a struggle but actively ensuring any elements that were interested in doing so were killed off. Rather than focusing on building up the community's material capacity to defend itself and keep on escalating, the organizers focused on pandering to corporate media, on 'deescalating' confrontations with the pigs, on preventing any autonomous actions that might make them 'look bad' or 'invite' police repression. They devoted their time not towards principled resistance but towards crafting an image that portrayed them as 'peaceful' and 'nonviolent'

in a futile attempt to initiate 'good faith dialogue' with a system that understands no language but violence. Instead of focusing on what they could do to continue targeting the infrastructures sustaining this genocide, they focused entirely on whether what they did remained legal, and whether it looked good on camera. And their flimsy excuses for taking this approach - namely that the risks of continued escalation were 'too high' to be worth it and that their priority was ensuring the continued 'safety' of all participants - remain precisely that. Flimsy excuses, rooted in an illusory liberal notion of 'safety' built on centuries of corpses.

Because there is no safety to be found in abiding by the laws of the state, nor is there safety to be found in pandering to its propagandists. It does not truly matter if an action is legal or not, because the law is fundamentally a weapon of the oppressor. If the armed swine that are supposed to enforce it are inclined to inflict violence, there is no law that will stop them. What can, however, is our own ability to evade capture, or to fight back. To defend ourselves not by appealing to the laws of our enemies but by the strength of our own ability. In the same vein, it does not matter if it looks good on corporate cameras - because for starters, no matter how legal and peaceful our actions are, it  *fucking won't*. Almost a year of witnessing corporate media's relentless vilification of Palestine and her allies is more than enough proof that its sole raison d'être is to manufacture consent for genocide. Any positive press possibly gained by painting our actions at 'legal' and 'peaceful' comes at the cost of legitimizing the perceived necessity for legality and nonviolence - yet no act that poses a genuine threat to the state and its interests can ever remain either. Any 'safety' built upon seeking recognition and approval from the apparatus of our enemy is a 'safety' built on sand - and any 'safety' that disavows the praxis of genuine resistance is a 'safety' paid for in blood. Liberal notions of 'safety' within the imperial core are contingent upon our refusal to take the risks needed to end the continued slaughter of thousands of Palestinians. They are

contingent upon letting people continue to face the ever increasing violence of manufactured poverty, of police and carceral brutality, of eugenicist policies, and of ongoing settler colonialism, right here in our own communities. We do not keep us safe by letting others be thrown under the bulldozers and tanks of colonial violence. No, as our friends at [Palestine Action US](#) tell us - and as the cowards within OccupyUoT refuse to understand - *we keep us safe by escalating.*

Yet OccupyUoT's destruction of militant efforts within the encampment wasn't merely a result of their deference to optics and legality, nor was it simply a matter of their own refusal to escalate. Organizers, after all, can be ignored, marshalls punched, and cameras smashed. For these liberal tendencies to make a dent, the rot had to go far deeper. The so-called People's Circle's steady dismantling of militancy was rooted ultimately in its deeply exploitative relationship to everyone outside its limited organizing circles, to the community at large, and particularly to so-called 'outside agitators'. For some background, the People's Circle was launched immediately after the academic year had ended, right as thousands of students were wrapping up with their exams and leaving the city. It could never have been sustained without the critical support of hundreds of local community members unaffiliated with the group and the university. It relied on 'outside agitators' since the beginning - yet said 'outside agitators' were unsurprisingly neglected at best, and vilified, isolated, assaulted, and forcibly driven out at worst. Organizers constantly demanded unending amounts of labor, love, and logistical support from the community, consistently exploiting people's goodwill and commitment to the cause to sustain this summer camp, while reciprocating with neither care nor solidarity nor even basic respect.

Rather than empowering people to take independent initiative and do what needed doing, organizers consistently acted on arrogant, authoritarian tendencies, acting not to distribute power but to

consolidate it among themselves and the select few they approved of. They withheld crucial information from others, refused transparency with regard to finances even though every cent of their funds was drawn from community donations, and created an internal culture where nothing could be done without asking for permission from the Right People. They refused to listen to criticism, acted as though they knew everything, and repeatedly patronized multiple people with far more experience in organizing. They demanded people trust them yet refused to reciprocate - not granting others any meaningful ability to participate in collective decisionmaking, while also simultaneously trying to sabotage autonomous organizing and telling people they have no right to make 'unilateral decisions'. This so-called 'liberated' zone was marked foremost, therefore, by the almost immediate imposition of a hierarchy between the organizers and everyone else. Not an exit from the social order imposed upon us by those in power, but the recreation of the same within a microcosm that openly - and falsely - branded itself as revolutionary.

Every hierarchy, of course, requires the violence of its maintenance. It is thus entirely unsurprising that the range of tactics OccupyUoT employed to maintain this power structure, in several cases, was nothing short of abusive. Finding a number of natural allies amongst the liberal factions of large orgs like PYM Toronto and Toronto 4 Palestine, they and their extended network of liberal marshals and 'deescalators' subjected people to endless tone-policing, shut them off by invoking a supposed need for 'maintaining unity' and 'centering Gaza', weaponized identity politics even against Palestinians, and if those tactics didn't work, harassed folks into either shutting up or leaving. They deliberately exposed people to police and Zionist violence, spread rumors about multiple individuals, publicly named comrades who'd explicitly said they did not want to be identified, and recklessly shared around people's sensitive personal information without ever asking for their consent. Organizers

relentlessly badjacketed and even copjacketed several militants, labelled them as 'wreckers' who shouldn't be worked with, and in at least one instance forcibly kicked them out of the camp after a sustained days-long witchhunt. They created a space that was not only against militant actions but actively hostile to militant presence, isolating, alienating, and traumatizing dozens of our city's most experienced and committed organizers into no longer wanting anything to do with the encampment.

Perhaps the most powerful weapon in their arsenal of anti-militant tactics, however, was the way the organizers enabled various forms of oppression against the very people whose circle it was supposed to be. OccupyUoT deliberately excluded unhoused comrades with far more experience in encampment defense by enabling repeated instances of harassment against them, denying their offers of organizing support, and in many instances even very explicitly refusing them entry. They tolerated and enabled tokenization and disrespect against the very indigenous aunties whose land they camped on, compelling several land defenders into leaving, dismantling the sacred fire, and denouncing the encampment. They threw around racist slurs at Black and South Asian people; dehumanized queer and trans people, particularly trans women; and perpetuated an ableist culture that treated people as mere disposable bodies worth little more than their labor. They failed to keep out predatory 'leftist' organizations with well-documented histories of enabling sexual abuse, and they failed to adequately address instances of sexual assault and harassment when they did occur inside the encampment. They enforced a 'campers only' food policy that denied everyone except those staying overnight access to food - all while throwing heaps of perfectly edible meals into the compost every single week.

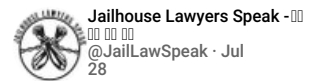
In other words, the organizers spent multiple weeks shutting down militant actors in the name of keeping the community 'safe', yet actively endangering many of its most oppressed members - while

sparing no effort whatsoever, of course, in portraying themselves as welcoming and inclusive and even liberatory to their thirty thousand Instagram followers. Over the course of two months, they reduced the word solidarity to a hollow caricature of itself, a performance that meant nothing more than statements and instagram story-posts. They failed utterly to realize that the saying 'all our struggles are connected' isn't some meaningless feel-good platitude, but a material reality - a reality that cannot be ignored if we are to set *anyone* free. In effectively reducing their efforts for Palestine to a 'single-issue' struggle, in alienating, excluding, and actively harming entire groups of potential comrades, in focusing entirely on posturing and performance instead of doing the actual fucking work, the organizers of the People's Circle deprived the movement of building up its true collective power. Because the fact of the matter is this: liberation starts at home. To paraphrase a [recent piece](#) by Dr Ayesha Khan, one worth reading in its entirety: the genocide in Palestine does not exist in a vacuum. It is intricately connected to a global web of violence that includes the daily carnage taking place right at our doorstep. It is *this* web we must dismantle - and to do so, we must start by pulling at the threads closest to us.

Yet OccupyUoT did none of that. Instead, it operated from a shallow, arrogant, liberal middle-classist framework of organizing that focused almost entirely on political theatre at the expense of any material community-movement-building. In doing so, it only masterfully engineered its own defeat: by the time the [injunction order](#) inevitably came, the organizers found themselves with nearly nobody willing or able to defend the camp, nor were they able to wield the threat of continued disruptions as leverage in furthering negotiations to arrive at a deal they could settle for without looking bad. They can pat themselves in the back all they want, but they know as well as we do that they did not clear out 'on their own terms'. They did exactly what the university and the pigs wanted, because they had spent the



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Mutulu Shakur [RIP] inside USP speaking power!



COCAINE CITY - LIVE FROM COLBURN FEDERAL WIT DR MUTULU SHAKUR AND CHAZ WILLIAMS OF BLACKHAND ENT.

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[AUGUST 2025] JLS ABOLITION CONVENTION:

Convention announcement and flyer material will be released shortly. We will be looking for additional people and organizations to join the JLS abolitionist organizing committee for this event. Interested persons can contact us in advance



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Ryan Phillips  
@JournRyan · Jul 28  
Hunter Sartain: Local hero

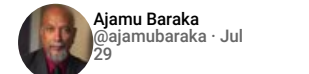
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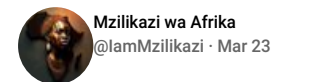


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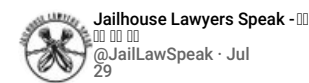
Ajamu Baraka  
@ajamubaraka · Jul 29  
I am in Venezuela as an observer and can say with certainty that after systematic interference by anti-democratic forces in the U.S., the election results represented the sentiments of the people who voted. what is not being reported is the organizing that took place to win.

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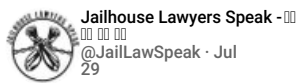
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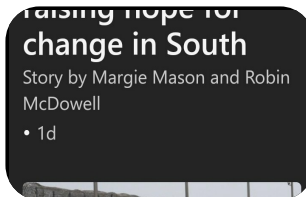
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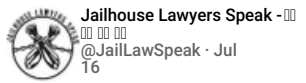
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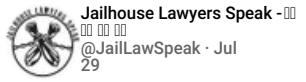
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lawSpeak · Aug 1

In return the prisoncrats moved to hit the leaders of the strike which ended it

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People's City Council - Los Angeles  
@PplsCityCouncil · Jul 31

Kehlani during her recent Tiny Desk concert:

"Free Palestine. Free Congo. Free Sudan. Free Yemen. Free Hawai'i. Free Guam. Beyond a ceasefire, we need an end to the occupation. It's deeper than this."

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Prison Slavery: #WeAreNotBeasts  
@SlaveryPrison · Jul 31

Disheartened by the recent prevalence of derogatory language surrounding the word "felony." This language is another harmful step backward for us all in this movement. #burntheprisons #prisonershumanrights

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"Further analysis of every U.S. prison shows that before incarceration rates rise, states build prisons. Put differently, the supply of prisons generates demand that states grow the population of incarcerated persons..."  
\*\* interesting article

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Ademóla.  
@OgbeniDemola · Jul 30

The west murdered Gaddafi so they could have takeover Libya's oil, they murdered Lumumba so they could take over Congo's resources, it's the same reason they're destabilizing

Venezuela. The west is not fighting for democracy anywhere, they're fighting for minerals.

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Join Roc's House & JLS for a special two-day women's self-defense training event!

00 Hone your hand-to-hand combat skills in this women's workshop

00 WHEN: August 21st and 22nd  
00 WHERE: JLS Housing and Resource Center, Pa  
00 HOST/INSTRUCTOR: Roc

CONTACT: info@rocshouse.xyz.



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0000 BAM 45 is fast approaching. "Black August is more than a month, it's a symbol of resistance and unity born out of sacrifice and blood. Join us in honoring our fallen comrades, educating ourselves, and strengthening our resolve."  
#BlackAugust #GeorgeJackson



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Millennials Are Killing Capitalism  
@MAKCapitalism · Jul 30

Thursday at 12:30 PM ET we'll be talking to @SamidounPP about Palestinian prisoners, the international day of action for Gaza & Prisoners (8/3), repression against

Pro-Palestinian organizations & given today's events we'll discuss Sde Teiman Detention Camp



Palestinian Prisoners, Genocide, and Repression of Pro-Palestinian Organizations

In this episode organizers from Samidoun will join us. They will share updates from Palestinian prisoner conditions and the conditions of repression in Israel...

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Another US coup in action in Venezuela....

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Youth Justice Coalition  
@YouthJusticeLA · Jul 29

00 TAKE ACTION with us Tuesday, 7/30 at 9:30AM: Youth-Led Rally & Press Conference to FREE OUR YOUTH & SHUT DOWN inhumane Probation Juvenile Halls! 000000

00 at L.A. County Board of Supervisors-500 W. Temple Ave.

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY 00 Young people's lives are at stake.



last two months ensuring the very possibility of a principled defense or an escalatory response were rendered impossible. The so-called People's Circle died the way it did because it had *long* ceased to be a protest, let alone anything that resembled a liberatory project. That 'closing press conference' - that's right, a fucking *press conference* - marked only the end of a sixty-three day long summer camp that had all too gladly traded in the very essence of liberatory praxis for the smoke and mirrors of media attention, power-hungry nonsense, and individualist clout building. Its shameful, pathetic, cowardly end was a perfect illustration of the fact that the so-called People's Circle had been rendered empty of substance long before it was emptied of tents - that all that remained was spectacle.

Yet the encampment is not the movement. As the Zionist entity's genocidal assault on Gaza enters its ninth month, those of us in Toronto that take to heart the phrase 'by any means necessary' must not let OccupyUoFt's neoliberal ineptitude demoralize us into inaction. The damage done is immeasurable: far too many of us find ourselves exhausted, traumatized, and isolated from a disintegrating community unable to do anything but watch our networks get torn apart while Gaza continues to be bombed. Betrayed by the callousness and cowardice of those that were supposed to be our comrades, far too many of us feel more hopeless than ever in this fight against the global war machine. Yet hope or no hope, we know this: there is no future for any of us within this existing order, and nothing to be done except to fight. If short-sighted and self-interested actors have harmed our collective ability to do so, we must find ways to nurture it back. We must build the infrastructure necessary for sustained, meaningful, material disruptions against every institution where the hydra of Zionism and imperialism rear their ugly heads, and we must start doing so now. There is no other choice. We have never been exempt from the struggle - our task, too, is Intifada, and *Intifada means attack*.

Key to this task are of course the

principles and praxis of solidarity, mutual aid, and community building, which not only constitute direct action in and of themselves but form the building blocks atop which all other direct action is sustained on. The praxis of solidarity can look like joining a weekly mutual aid distro, or running donation drives for unhoused people, or helping to organize jail and legal supports. It could look like inviting your neighbors over for dinner, or letting friends with abusive families crash on your couch, or sharing gatekept meds with those who need them, or bringing extra N95 masks to the function. It does not matter if's considered capital-O Organizing. What matters is supporting each other, connecting to and building together with the most marginalized among us, and forging resilient relationships - relationships that can withstand both the unrelenting lure of liberalism and the batons of state repression, relationships that remain rock solid when things go to shit, that can form the bedrock of a movement that, in the face of a livestreamed genocide, can actually shut things down. Setting fire to cop cars or mass-sabotaging arms factories is hardly imaginable when so many of us are far too caught up in the daily agonies of surviving capitalism and barely even know each other, let alone have longstanding networks of support, trust, and care. If we seek to build militancy in so-called Toronto, we must build a culture where militants are cared for and care for each other - a culture where *people* are cared for and care for each other. Faced against the twin threats of state repression and an activist scene dominated by a hostile liberal rhetoric wedded to farcical nonviolence and privileged safetyism, this is a foundation we simply cannot do without.

Rebuilding our communities and support networks is the only first of many steps: we must also push back against both liberal anti-militancy rhetoric and state intimidation, we must equip ourselves with the skills we need to actually disrupt business as usual, and we must foster the radicalization of new militants. We need agitprop, education, training. We need one-on-one conversations, we need zines, we need teach-ins, we

need wheatpaste and stickers and spray paint, we need weekly self-defense practice - as our friends at CUNY put it, we need *escalation trainings*. We need to claim ground against the pervasive rhetoric of nonviolence and stop feeding the cowardly illusion that freedom can ever be won by merely appealing to the moral sense of the oppressor.

We need to build a broader collective understanding of what it truly means to support resistance, of why it is imperative for our movements to develop teeth if we hope to even leave a scratch upon the leviathan body of imperialism. We need to remember that pigs and politicians are *just* as mortal as us plebeians. We need to turn cross-movement solidarity into an inviolable principle and a daily praxis instead of continuing to treat it as a bonus add-on, as something to be acted on only when convenient. We need to remind ourselves that we too live under a colonial monstrosity built on genocide, that our most paramount task in the fight for Palestinian liberation will always be to fight for the death of the settler state that exists right here on these lands. We need to teach each other how to dearest comrades, how to use Tails, how to care for our suicidal friends, how to make unsanctioned street art, how to administer naloxone, how to liberate food from corporate megastores, how to survive a night in jail. We need to do so frequently and consistently, we need to find ways to scale up our projects, we need to bring in new people, and we need to make sure they are supported single every step of the way.

Most importantly perhaps, we need to step the fuck up and practice the things that we preach. The past nine months have shown us that liberals will gladly continue to pat themselves on the back for mindlessly repeating the same useless tactics over and over again while Gaza continues to burn. The past nine months have shown us that there is no critical threshold of livestreamed Palestinian suffering that when crossed will *naturally* result in worldwide revolt - if as many as two hundred thousand Palestinian martyrs are not enough, nothing will be. The movement will



never *naturally* shift from one of hypocrites shouting 'shut it down' while yellow-vested pigs with megaphones make sure the empire is never inconvenienced to one of principled militants actually following through on the promise of the chant. If we want militancy, we will have to build it, and we will all have to do so by *actually being fucking militant*. And it will have to involve all of us, because every single one of us has a vital part to play. We will need people who are down to confront pigs on the front lines and sabotage infrastructures in the dead of night, just as we will need people to secure logistical necessities and track enemy movements, just as we will need people to support injured comrades on the ground, to organize jail supports in the aftermath, to make sure we're fed and cared for and ready to fight another day. We've waited for too long - it's time we remember what we're capable of and start organizing the sustained material disruptions we wish to see in the world. Gaza demands that we escalate - it's time you and I heed her call.

Our efforts will never be perfect. New challenges will undoubtedly continue to emerge both from within and without. We will face increasing state repression, just as we will face liberal reaction, just as we will face internal conflicts and fractures. Yet we cannot let these challenges keep deterring us. We owe it to Gaza to try, and when we fail, we owe it to Gaza to keep trying. We owe it to Hind Rajab, to Refaat Alareer, to Mohammed Bhar, to Hamza Dahdouh, to Shireen Abu-Akleh, to Ghassan Kanafani. We owe it to Breonna Taylor, to Regis Korchinski-Paquet, to Nex Benedict and to Pauly Likens, to Corrie and to Bushnell, to Tortugueta, to Fred Hampton. To the countless others that have lost their lives in the struggle against zionism and settler colonialism - in the last nine months, the last century, the last five hundred years. We owe it to those still alive - to those that every single day continue to resist against the global industrial slaughterhouse we are all being led towards. We owe it to ourselves to fight. By any means necessary.

The secret, as always, is to begin.

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## Final Straw: July 25th International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners

July 20, 2024

Long-running anarchist radio show and podcast, *The Final Straw*, speaks with Antifa International about [July 25th](#), an international day of solidarity with antifascist prisoners.

Here's an interview with Walter of the Antifa International social media project. In 2016, this took over the running of the annual July 25th Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners that was formerly a day to show affinity with Jock Palfreeman, an Australian antifascist who was incarcerated in Bulgaria for defending some Romani people from a right wing attack in which an attacker died.

- [Transcript](#)
- [PDF \(Unimposed\)](#)
- [Zine \(Imposed PDF\)](#)

For the hour we talk about the day of solidarity, the associated Antifascist Defense fund, international lines of solidarity around antifascism, recent cases of repression and continuing to support cultures of resistance while comrades are behind bars.

- <https://linktr.ee/antifainternati>
- The International Anti-Defence Fund blog: <https://intantifadefence.org>
- Int'l Antifa Defence Fund donation page: <https://actionnetwork.org/international-anti-fascist-defence-fund> (shortlink: [bit.ly/DefendAntifa](https://bit.ly/DefendAntifa); alternatively, [fnd.us/defendantifa](https://fnd.us/defendantifa))
- July 25th: Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners

- blog: <https://supportantifapriser.com>
- Donation page for #j25antifa: <https://actionnetwork.org/international-anti-fascist-defence-fund> (shortlink: [tinyurl.com/supportantifapriser](https://tinyurl.com/supportantifapriser))
- Some other antifa resources we put up: <https://deathtofascism.com>
- <https://www.bonfire.com/support-antifa-prisoners/>
- Call to plan an event: <https://itsgoingdown.org/july-25th-international-day-of-solidarity-with-antifascist-prisoners/>

## Power Punch: Leveling Up Antifascist Theory and Action Using A Decade of Reflection on Fighting the Alt-Right

July 19, 2024

A critical look at the current antifascist movement and how it could evolve in the changing terrain. This essay was originally published in *Teeth*, a print-only anarchist journal. Download and [print a zine PDF here](#).

By Stiff

*A note to readers: The following opinions and analyses are largely my own. However, the finer details described here are inspired and informed by dozens of conversations with antifascists residing in various regions of the so-called US. I encourage readers to integrate these ideas into their own work and use the following reflections and analysis as a jumping-off point to collectively develop antifascist thinking through dialogue and action.*

Antifascism in the so-called United States has become a toothless movement. After effectively responding to the rise of the Alt-Right in the 2010s, the wider antifascist movement now spends more time maintaining the vestiges of an identity rather than effectively

off with a volley of bottles and debris. You can only smell the tear gas in the air and hear the sound of detonations and shattering glass."



CrimethInc. Ex-Workers  
@Crimethinc@todon.eu • Jul 4

On July 4, we recall how national socialists gathered in Madison Square Gardens during Hitler's reign, beneath American flags and banners displaying images of George Washington and antisemitic slogans.

To counter the jingoism associated with this date, we study the development of nativism from its origins to the current day, tracing the common threads that connect all the different ways that the rich have preyed on the fears and prejudices of the exploited to turn them against those worse off than themselves:

<https://crimethinc.com/nativism>



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Pride month is behind us, but the fight against what we call gender fascism is only intensifying.

In this context, we invite you to revisit our text, "Stonewall Means Riot Right Now," exploring the relevance of the Stonewall riots to today's struggles for freedom.

<https://crimethinc.com/stonewall>



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A map showing the results of the first round of voting for the French National Assembly this weekend.

It is a grievous error to stake our freedom on electoral politics. From France to North America and all around the world, we must organize for community defense against fascism.



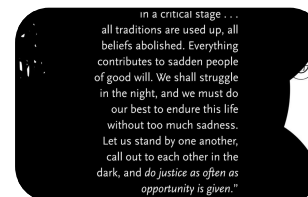
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The horrific spectacle of the presidential debate—a mendacious aspiring autocrat against a doddering genocide denier—shows the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of the factions competing to determine the future of capitalism.

The fact that only a couple hundred people showed up to demonstrate against the spectacle shows how much we have yet to do to be ready for the crises that are upon us.

Hurry to find people you can organize with. Our only hope is grassroots change. ☐

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Prisoners in Florida at the largest federal prison complex in the United States say they launched a hunger strike Sunday to demand external intervention to address health and safety violations, abuse of power by guards, and denied visits #hungerstrike



Federal prisoners in Florida

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\*\*\* JLS NOTE: What has essentially happened is the prisoncrats call themselves being harder on the ppl imprisoned there after the DOJ said and did what it did. The wardens took it as "making them look bad". In response to the tough measures, the prisoners have banned together

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The shooting at Donald Trump's rally took place just in time to maximize ratings for the Republican National Convention. The Democrats already seem to be accommodating themselves to a future in which they will be the junior partners in an even more authoritarian reboot of state power.

In response to the shooting, politicians across the spectrum have decried "political violence." But political violence is fundamental to all government—not least the United States government. The key to Trump's appeal is that he is explicitly promising to direct this violence against undocumented people, poor people of color, women, queer and trans people, anarchists, and other scapegoats.

Trump's rise coincided with a dramatic spike in political mass shootings and vehicular attacks, many of which were carried out by his supporters. Everything that centrist politicians do to pave the way for his return renders them complicit in the bloodbaths ahead.

Anarchists already participated in the round of social unrest that ultimately blocked Trump's ambitions in 2017-2020. We know that voting, sign-holding, court cases, and liberal op-eds will not protect us or our neighbors.

Now it's time to prepare for the next round.

To study up on how it went last time:

<https://crimethinc.com/TrumpYears>



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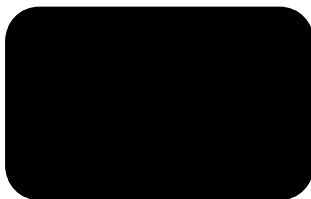
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The Trump campaign aims to use today's shooting as a sort of Reichstag fire to incite his supporters to step up street violence while calling for more state repression targeting his enemies of choice.

The Biden campaign has already paused all outbound communications and withdrawn their television advertisements, ceding the entire field of narrative to Donald Trump, who will have no compunction about using his status as a victim to advance his efforts to victimize others.

One of the classic mechanics of totalitarianism is that protecting the safety of the leader becomes a justification for violence against large swathes of the population.

As centrists join the far right in paving the way for totalitarian rule under Trump, we have to organize to defend our communities. If you have been in denial about the challenges ahead of us, this should be a wake-up call to find each other and prepare for them.



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Why Stop at Removing Biden?

<https://crimethinc.com/BidenDooms>

Biden's refusal to step aside is a microcosm of an entire civilization at an impasse. How can the Democrats blithely set about losing what they have vociferously insisted could be the last democratic election in the history of the United States?

Centrist governments have focused on repressing the movements that would form the first line of defense against a fascist takeover, while strengthening the institutions that the fascists will use to impose their rule. Having betrayed what passed as the "left" within the Democratic Party, the party machinery is now betraying the center—the one group it ostensibly exists to serve.

It turns out that when your goal is to force inequality and oppression on people, eventually fascism becomes a more efficient contender for the contract than democracy.

If some Democrats are suddenly prepared to throw out their duly appointed candidate, why stop there? Why not throw out the entire party machine that got them here, and party politics itself for good measure?

Heading into another tumultuous period, it's time to think about what strategic proposals could address and empower the millions of people who will soon be forced to seek solutions outside electoral politics—whether they wish to or not.



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Seven years ago today, thousands of people from around the world gathered in Hamburg to demonstrate against the oppressive model of state power represented by the G20 summit. Despite one of the biggest police mobilizations in European history, demonstrators wrested control of parts of the city from them entirely, setting a precedent for the uprisings of 2019-2020.

We captured the entire sequence of events firsthand:

<https://crimethinc.com/hamburgg20>

"Explosions are going off behind you. They punctuate a din of screaming, shouting, and the robotic voice of police announcements over the loudspeaker. From your vantage point, you can't see what is going on back there, where the police are carrying out charge after charge against the back of the bloc as demonstrators struggle to hold them

engaging with and countering fascist tactics, organizational growth, and ideological development. Of course, there are indeed some antifascists who do otherwise. But the overall malaise and impotence antifascism has grown into as a social movement cannot be understated. This shift necessitates immediate actions be taken to reverse that course in the face of fascist growth. In this essay, I will define and describe some defining features of contemporary antifascism, discuss ways to strengthen the antifascist movement, revisit the past decade of movement development on both fascist and antifascist sides, and finally, cover one contemporary fascist threat and how we might better prepare and act accordingly.

## For A Strong Movement

Antifascism is a social and political movement designed to counter, interrupt, and stop fascist organizing. The key tactical approaches to antifascism are direct confrontation, demoralization, and isolation. The goals of antifascist groups vary but generally involve preventing fascists from securing public platforms, and preventing bodily harm to community members, especially historically marginalized ones, from fascist violence. The focus of organized antifascism, whether it occurs in a formal crew structure, an armed militia, or a nebulous autonomy is not to end fascist thought altogether but to never let it actualize as a social movement with power. Historically, this has meant directly confronting fascists and their organizational structures in the spaces we meet them—be it public or private.

As a social movement, building and maintaining strength and longevity necessitates an organizational focus on building a base and furthering discourse. As anarchists, we've built upon a long lineage of community organizing using an anti-authoritarian and non-hierarchical framework. This has furthered the anarchist movement across tendencies, leading to the birth of new tendencies that strengthen the

movement's base and radical potential. Anarchism has expanded, contracted, broadened and refined itself throughout generations by remaining discursive. By getting clear on how and why we act—whether through conversations around the camp fire or information shared in zines and communiques—we sharpen our ideas, imagine the possibilities of our actions, while remaining interconnected and autonomous. The antifascist movement needs to more deliberately strive for the same base-building and discursive progress anarchism has achieved.

One way of building a stronger base for the antifascist movement is taking radical antifascism to the targets of fascist violence and ideology. If there is to be any backbone in the age old saying "we go where they go," antifascism needs to develop itself more explicitly within the struggles around homelessness, immigration, bodily autonomy, LGBTQIA+, antisemitism, zionism, and feminism. Each of these currents is connected to a wider anarchic struggle, and each of these currents is a direct target of fascist agendas. For example, if we understand homelessness as a phenomenon disproportionately experienced by LGBTQ community members, Black folks, and other groups who lack the benefits of Whiteness, cisness, and other forms of financial, social and cultural capital, then homelessness becomes a politicized issue worthy of anarchist attention. When homelessness is further contextualized as a vulnerable status that fascists, who by ideological design prey on vulnerability, seek to exacerbate through humiliation, domination, and violence, homelessness also becomes an antifascist struggle. Learning to see social issues through an anarchist lens and then translating that into base building means bolstering our collective power as antifascists. Many hands make light work. Broadening our visions of antifascist struggle to collectivize our efforts makes our goals more achievable, and keeps our global community safer.

Along with building out a stronger base, it is crucial to intentionally further antifascist discourse.

Discourse is the interchange of knowledge, ideas, and expressions of thought on a given subject. If we think about the *movement* side of social movements, there is an ongoing self-determination and progression by the actions of participants. An example would be the discourse of 'propaganda of the deed' by anarchists—which was not just contextualized in communiques and anarchist papers, but by the deeds themselves. If we antifascists are to be truly discursive, we must do so with a balanced approach of theory and action. Antifascists have well developed research and analysis skills, strengthened out of necessity for fine-tuning our offensive strategies on an often diffuse enemy. For example, if we take the time to utilize those same skills to synthesize ideas like [Race Treason](#)<sub>1</sub> into our political analyses and if we are explicit about how activism is not struggle and therefore has no place in antifascism, we stand to gain a level of integrity and a depth to our collective cohesion that multiplies our potential across our movement.

## Drawing Our Lines

In order for antifascism to remain radical, it has to be situated within the [three-way fight](#)<sub>2</sub> position and grounded by an [anarcha-feminist framework](#)<sub>3</sub>. Incorporating the three-way fight and anarcha-feminism into antifascism is non-negotiable. The enemy of antifascism is not just the fascists themselves, but the capitalist system that creates the conditions suitable for fascism. At the same time, antifascism must combat the patriarchal and hyper-masculine domination of its spaces, discourse and conceptualization.

The three-way fight posits "defending democracy" as an illusion as long as "democracy" is based on a socio-economic order that exploits and oppresses. Fascists and other far-Rightists aren't always tools of and loyal to the ruling class and established order. They can—and do—form autonomous political forces that clash with established order in real ways. At times, they even seek to overthrow

and replace global capitalism with a radically different yet still oppressive system. The three-way fight stresses the need to confront both the established capitalist order and an insurgent fascist Right, while recognizing that these opponents are also in conflict with each other. The phrase “three-way fight” is shorthand for this idea. Anarcha-feminism sees the manifestations of patriarchy and body and gender essentialism as hierarchies woven into the fabric of both the state and social order, including the anarchist movement itself. An anarcha-feminist lens understands these as essential elements of what the anarchist struggle must seek to destroy—within the world and within our selves. For these theoretical positions to have meaning, they must move beyond just theory and be put into practice to create a material difference in the character of antifascism.

A clarification between what will be defined here as material antifascism and theoretical antifascism is essential. Material antifascism refers to the praxis of *material engagement* with the fascist threat. Theoretical antifascism, on the other hand, refers to the theoretical or ideological position of being against fascism but absent of any such material engagement. Theoretical antifascism is inherently antithetical to material antifascism. This is not to say that antifascists can only be effective if they each physically confront the fascists in the streets, but that if there is a complete lack of material engagement with fascist base-building then we cannot consider the contribution to antifascism as holistic.

In 2024, many people call themselves antifascists but mean it as an ideological or theoretical position only. This sounds like, “I hate fascists (and they hate me!) but I will only act against them when...” It’s also true that many organized antifascists, especially in the Anti-Fascist Action-style crew formation, are simply no longer engaging with fascism in any material way. If a name means anything, then ‘Anti-Fascist Action’ should clearly necessitate the *act*. To continue to maintain a crew name or structure with no effort at material

engagement is living into a farcical reality that only adds to the stagnation of the antifascist movement as a whole.

## How We Got Here

In this next section, I will discuss the broader development of fascism and antifascism across the so-called US over the last decade.

The Trump presidential campaign leading up to the 2016 election included a clear rise in **openly** fascist network building, recruitment, formation, and activity. Groups like the Traditionalist Worker Party, Patriot Front, Identity Evropa, Rise Above Movement, and others were all born directly from the swells of the Alt-Right. The Alt-Right was a White Nationalist ideological movement characterized by a rejection of mainstream politics and by the use of aesthetically slick graphics and provocative online media to cultivate views. Although it was started by Richard Spencer in 2008, it didn’t take off until the 2010s. The Alt-Right brought together major movers and shakers from the broader and aging White Nationalist scene (e.g. League of the South, American Renaissance , Ku Klux Klan, National Socialist Movement, etc.) with more youthful tact and appearance newcomers like the Matthew Heimbach of Traditionalist Worker Party, Andrew Anglin of *The Daily Stormer*, and Milo Yiannopoulos.

The Alt-Right advanced white nationalist narratives and talking points across the internet, throughout gamer culture, and on college campuses nationwide. It targeted and recruited mostly young, lonely, and otherwise disaffected cis white men to the White Nationalist movement with tactical success. In many ways, the Alt-Right did what boneheads did in the 80’s and 90’s in cities, just at a larger scale. Instead of plucking a handful of individuals vulnerable to nationalist dogma from punk rock or other alternative scenes, the Alt-Right reached thousands of kids and young adults using technology. From the comfort of their homes using smartphones and laptops, new recruits lapped up repackaged

White Nationalist lies all at once.

What antifascists don’t mention enough is that we were seeing private nazi group chats planning to attend Trump’s ‘Make America Great Again’ rallies together in real-time. What we saw within these group chats was individuals planning not to physically identify themselves as fascist group members, but instead to wear plain clothes and don MAGA hats. Rather than luring conservatives toward their fascist and nazi organizations through their own events, organized members of the Alt-Right siphoned a vicarious semblance of collective power directly from Trump’s rallies. It made sense, after all, since Trump rallies already enthusiastically supported authoritarian White Nationalist values. From June 2015 to November 2016, the 2016 Trump presidential campaign held 323 rallies, with many of the more modestly attended crowds in the thousands.

Of course, established fascist groups still held their own meetings, marches, and rallies, and new groups were popping up routinely. It was during this time that fascists built numbers and gained momentum alongside the bubbling conservative right. This rapid growth and the successive events meant an extended space and time in which open conflicts between antifascists and fascists were both more possible and more common without immediate police intervention. In respect to fascist attendance at Trump rallies, the MAGA crowds were big enough at these rallies that the cops could turn a blind eye to any violence dealt out by those they were rooting for anyways, as they like to do. But organized antifascists were often more capable and grittier than many of the recently recruited fascists were ready for.

A solid contingent of organized antifascists and AFA crews descended directly from street movements and direct action, while a huge swathe of the newly radicalized fascists had built a false sense of safety and security in the online camaraderie of nazi forums and chat groups. Their offline experience was a rude awakening.



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“Nothing is more dangerous for man’s [sic] private morality than the habit of command. The best man, the most intelligent, disinterested, generous, pure, will infallibly and always be spoiled at this trade.”

-Mikhail Bakunin

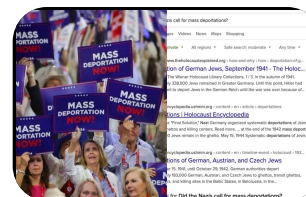
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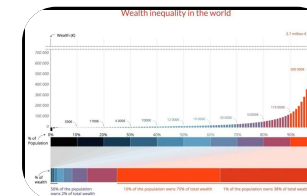
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The pressure to immigrate to the United States is itself the consequence of US foreign policy and worldwide neoliberal economic policies that have impoverished millions, forcing them to flee war zones and economic crises. Soon, we will see even more people displaced by environmental disasters caused by industrially produced climate change.

Again, these are the fault of the ruling class, not the poor.

By immiserating both overseas populations and residents of the United States while suppressing anti-capitalist protest movements, neoliberal centrists created a situation in which fascists can pretend to be the only ones offering an alternative. But the supposed alternative represented by politicians like Donald Trump will only speed up the process of wealth concentration that caused this problem in the first place.

The only real solution is a worldwide movement to resist fascism and abolish capitalism and the state.



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In the 2024 Republican platform, they explicitly promise to “CARRY OUT THE LARGEST DEPORTATION OPERATION IN AMERICAN HISTORY.”

Why this obsession with attacking immigrants and refugees?

Over the past sixty years, wealth inequality in the United States has doubled. In 1963, the wealthiest families had 36 times the wealth of families in the middle of the wealth distribution; by 2022, they had 71 times the wealth of families in the middle.

In 1963, the wealthiest billionaire owned \$1.2 billion. In 2022, Elon Musk owned \$219 billion.

So it’s not surprising that people are angry.

Yet using their vast resources to control the media, Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and other elements of the ruling class have managed to direct popular resentment at those who suffer most under capitalism—the undocumented, the poor, those whose families have been exploited for generations. This strategy is calculated to enable the rich to continue fleecing the middle class while avoiding consequences for it.

Gullible bigots blame the penniless for their own problems, rather than holding the powerful to account.

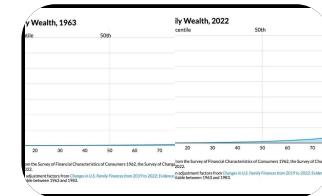
This is the recipe for fascism.

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Yesterday, a Trump-appointed judge threw out the entire classified documents case against Donald Trump, defying over half a century of legal precedents. This should give those who marched with signs reading “no one is above the law” cause to reflect.

Law is not an impartial institution that inherently serves to keep tyranny at bay. It is a weapon in the hands of the ruling class. It is chiefly used against poor people and activists; when it plays a role in internal conflicts within the ruling class, the outcome generally shows the balance of power between the factions.

In this context, promoting obedience to the law as a good in itself means accepting that might makes right. All the legitimacy that Biden and his supporters have invested in the legal system have only made it a more dangerous weapon for Donald Trump to employ, should he return to power.

As we move into an era in which the court system will serve the most authoritarian elements in our society, the argument that it is necessary to obey the law will be used to excuse complicity in more and more egregious crimes against humanity.

Instead of saying “no one is above the law,” we should say, with Hannah Arendt, “No one has the right to obey.” ☐


Our analysis on this subject from 2018 remains evergreen:

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A week and a half after we published this text, the Democrats finally compelled Joe Biden to withdraw from the 2024 presidential race. But our argument stands—not just because it took almost a month for Biden to withdraw, and not only because he simply passed the torch to Kamala Harris, who represents the same policies and the same ossified bureaucracy as Biden, but because all the problems we face remain as intractable as they were before he dropped out.

If democracy is so fragile that it could be abolished as the consequence of a single election, then it was already bankrupt—it was never a means by which to secure and defend the self-determination that everyone deserves. We need something more ambitious and resilient. We need a movement capable of facing down fascism as well as forcing out anyone else who tries to rule over us. We need a set of values, organizing principles, and strategies that can keep us oriented through the nightmare that is undoubtedly ahead.

A real solution would not change who the Democratic candidate for president is—it would render it irrelevant.

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After nine months of genocidal

violence in Gaza, Benjamin Netanyahu received a standing ovation from the United States congress as he described the slaughter of over 40,000 Palestinians as "a clash between barbarism and civilization" and promised US politicians that "our victory will be your victory."

Regardless of political affiliation, those who justify US support for the genocide in Gaza and identify with the militarized colonial project behind it are doing more to pave the way for fascism than Donald Trump or his supporters could ever do alone. By cheerleading these atrocities, they are normalizing the kind of bigotry and brutality that are essential to authoritarianism.

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What is done to others today could be done to us tomorrow.

Fighting for the lives of Palestinians is a way of fighting for freedom everywhere.




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From the text about the collective defense against the J20 charges:

"Let us pause in awe at the stupefying hypocrisy of those who profess to believe in the 'rule of law.' How can it be that the prosecutor, the court bureaucracy, and two grand juries were permitted to terrorize two hundred defendants with multiple nonexistent felony charges for nearly a year? Surely, if anyone is still naive enough to earnestly believe in the rule of law, they should consider those who are complicit in pressing nonexistent charges to be the number one threat to civil society. Prosecutors, police, and judges neither believe in nor uphold the rule of law any more than the most iconoclastic anarchist does. The difference is that anarchists are honest about this and propose an ethical alternative, whereas the professionals of the justice industry shamelessly pursue personal gain and little else."

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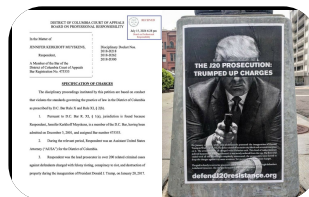
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Jennifer Kerkhoff, the prosecutor who attempted to put over two hundred people in prison for decades for the supposed crime of wearing black on the day that Donald Trump became president, is now facing charges for some of the false statements, misrepresentations, and omissions she committed in the course of prosecuting them.

No justice ever comes from the criminal justice system. But whenever lawyers and judges set out to intensify the ways that the system is used to target ordinary people, we should do our utmost to ensure that they fail.

To learn more about the collective defense strategy that defeated the J20 charges:

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"How do you feel about people who would say that direct action, shutting off the streets to traffic and so on, is really not a democratic way to go on? What would you say to that?"

"I don't agree with democracy, anyway, because democracy is about handing your power over to other people, it's still about a minority of people controlling the lives of everyone. Direct action is really simple, it just means taking control of your life, taking your freedom, which comes with your responsibility and your self-awareness and your awareness of your impact upon other human beings."

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Much like the movement battles between fascists and antifascists in decades before, antifascists successfully used a combination of confrontational tactics to demoralize these newer fascists and kept many of them from coming out to any more rallies. Not all of them stayed home. Consistently meeting fascists with material force will demoralize most, some to the point of quitting the movement altogether. But those that stay either stay because they are dumb enough to or they embrace the violence and harden themselves to their new understanding of this positionality.

Antifascists won the streets from the far-Right and fascist surge in the late 2010s after the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville. Parsing out the detailed denouement of the Alt-Right in the direct aftermath of Unite the Right is worthy of its own essay, so this will be kept brief. Unite the Right was the pinnacle of the Alt-Right movement's effective facilitation of renewed fascist street presence, and brought out membership from well over a dozen different white nationalist and fascist formations. Antifascists had decidedly won the pitched battle in and around the park that day, before Vanguard America neo-Nazi James Alex Fields Jr. drove his car through the antifascist victory march injuring over thirty people and murdering antifascist Heather Heyer. This escalation from street fight to successful public murder at a massively attended demonstration took off in the mainstream media. The fascist street formations and their members were condemned to an inexorable amount of social and institutional pressure in the years to follow, the legal battles for some are still ongoing as of this writing.

The wider antifascist goals of demoralization and isolation were successful, and the fascist groups who didn't disband altogether either fell back to a sole reliance on private, unannounced events or to the perceived safety of their online chats to inch onward. With popular recognition as an effective movement in the era of the Alt-Right, antifascists won hard-fought victories in the streets. Burnout, repression, and interpersonal

conflict have long plagued our movements and in the wake of larger relative success, the organized antifascist movement was *simultaneously eroding at its core*. As the momentum of open, street-level fascist organizing and action largely petered out, a popularized version of internet antifascism turned the focus of the movement's efforts toward a largely journalistic approach. We go where they go and there was a boom of internet nazis gaining popular power in the age of social media. Unfortunately for antifascists, shares and likes matured into a dilution of praxis rather than a distillation.

## All Bark No Bite

Antifascists have always used research and exposure to demoralize nazis. Done well, research helps antifascists understand our enemies. Exposure in the form of doxing opens up the possibility for material engagement with fascists themselves. But in the same way we know better than to rely on the cops or courts to take down fascists, we can't rely on just anyone who reads our articles or sees our dox flyers to materially engage the fascist threats we explain to them. The point of exposing a fascist is *the implicit threat of a reckoning to come* for the fascist and the threat which we consider them. If we aren't following through after the dox, our threat is hollow and puts us at a disadvantage moving forward. In other words, all bark and no bite does not get the goods. It renders the bark useless.

Consider boxing as an example. Most people have heard of a 1-2 punch, which corresponds to the punch combination of a jab (1) followed by a cross (2). When you throw a jab, you also step forward with your front foot. The step establishes distance, exemplifying their position isn't as safe as they thought. The jab checks your opponent's guard, potentially exposing an opening or weakness from their reaction to the jab. The cross follows it up; a punch launched from the weight of your back foot and across your body, with a lot more power behind it. The cross does the real damage in this combination and is meant to

hurt. After your opponent opens their guard or is thrown off balance by the set-up jab, the cross comes next with the intention of making your opponent rethink how they've gotten into the mess they are in. The 1-2 is effective because the punches work with one another for a greater overall impact.

Tactically speaking, doxing someone is like a jab. Antifascists have leaned on a good jab without following it up for too long, rendering the jab less effective. Part of the problem has been myopia, a short-sighted focus on doxing everyone we can as soon as their identity is uncovered and calling that antifascism. There have even been calls for other antifascists not to act on known fascist identities in their area in the name of protecting sources. Meanwhile the fascists we're fighting have stopped being intimidated by doxing altogether, comfortable in understanding the threat of truly being hurt by a proverbial cross after public exposure is oftentimes, never coming.

## A Threat to Consider

Suffice to say, fascist movements have changed a lot over the past decade. As I write this in 2024, we have various groups and undercurrents worth paying attention to and understanding as comprehensively as possible in order to uncover how to subvert them best. One of the most important contemporary developments of the fascist movement to understand is Nationalism 3.0. Nationalism 3.0 was started by Rob Rundo of the Rise Above Movement in December of 2020. It is a fascist theoretical step forward, taking the ethos of hardened street-fighting nazi skinheads from the 80s, 90s, and early 2000s (1.0) and the front-line combatants from the more well-dressed Alt-Right identitarians of the 2010s (2.0), and synthesizing these past currents' strengths for a redefined chapter of ultranationalist development. Nationalism 3.0 also has a robust focus on security culture, a key adaptation designed to help protect its adherents from antifascists.

The Active Club is the practical

manifestation of Nationalism 3.0 and the framework for organizing its base. Active Clubs emphasize identity formation and camaraderie with the intent to “awaken racial bonds.” Through a lifestyle described as “counter to the left’s culture of apathy, addiction and vice,” active clubs focus on embodying their vision of the ideal white male in a clean-cut, physically fit, innocuous presentation of their members. These groups find strength in remaining purposefully disparate and small in numbers. They also have upped their security culture practices which prevents doxing, and they are **building affinity** regularly through in-person meetups to fight-train and put up graffiti, stickers, and wheatpaste.

Anarchists understand the effective and extensive possibilities affinity groups can accomplish when confidence and attunement develop. Nationalism 3.0 has moved the counter-cultural fascist infestation from the punk scene to the gym scene as its core recruiting grounds targeting young white men. It’s subcultural base-building has been insufficiently addressed by the wider antifascist movement. This is a call for antifascists to get off our heels and act, or else the problem will only intensify.

## Collective Power Punch

When our movements wane—due to burnout, repression, internal strife, misdirection, etc.—discursive and intergenerational continuity is lost. When intergenerational continuity is lost, we don’t successfully pass on our learned lessons and collective wisdom to the next generation of the movement. Mistakes are made over again; tactical decisions are reshaped from scratch. When we don’t figure out how to cultivate intergenerational continuity, our potential growth suffers. Different aspects and pockets of the anarchist movement have developed successful paths to maintain that continuity. As a social movement with anti-social tendencies, antifascism needs to figure out how to do likewise.

There is a ferocity and intention in

the current wave of direct, combative action spreading throughout the so-called US and international insurrectionary anarchist milieu. Antifascists would do well to take a leaf from this book and expand on that offensive strategy toward explicit fascist targets. Antifascism is not just a street-fighting mechanism. It is not just a mass movement campaign. And it is not just a journalistic endeavor. A diversity of tactics refers to when a social movement makes use of a variety of tactics, anything from non-violence to armed conflict, to maximize the chances of meeting movement goals. Utilizing a diversity of tactics gives us the space to creatively and more openly utilize direct action against the fascists and their infrastructure - so we can truly devastate them.

Insurrectionary anarchism finds strength in its formulation as a movement of practical action against the domination of the state that is most often enacted by individuals and small groups. The ability of antifascism to socially scale up or scale down depending on context has often been a point of strength for organized antifascists to act just as practically, but unfortunately acting as individuals or even small groups has fallen out of practice as the movement has stagnated. If antifascism can find its footing in nebulous, self-organized autonomy of offensive strategy on a smaller scale and collectivized power and discursive depth on a larger scale, our **collective counter punch** can be the **collective power punch** we need to win.

This is a call for the antifascist movement to renew directly combative strategies and actions against organizing fascists. This is also a call for the antifascist movement to re-establish itself as an effective social movement by actively building a broad base rooted in the three-way fight and revolutionary anarcho-feminist positions and furthering our discourse through both theory and material engagement. As antifascists, we need to develop a means of intergenerational continuity and draw on other traditions of resistance to expand

both our means and our ambitions. As the global capitalist system continues to choke out life and consolidate power for elites as designed, the fascist threat will perpetually exist. So long as that threat exists, antifascists must take that threat seriously, and by any means necessary, we must act like we intend to win.

### Further Reading:

- Race Treason and May 28th: A Reflection on the George Floyd Uprising, Living and Fighting, June 2024
- Three-Way Fight Revolutionary Anti-Fascism and Armed Self-Defense, J. Clark, April 2016
- Anti-Fascism Beyond Machismo: Gender, Politics, and the Struggle Against Fascism, Petronella Lee, October 2019
- Insurrectionary Anarchy: Organizing for Attack, Anonymous, 2003

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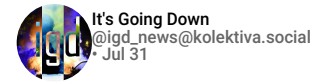
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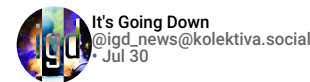


Folks in Elizabeth, **#NewJersey** organized a picket a contracting firm which works with Israeli shipping company Zim, shutting down an office.

"It was the opening salvo of a new campaign. In a campaign victory, ALL-Ways Forwarding closed their offices before the protestors even arrived, in fear of the well publicized event.

Protestors want to **#StopZIM**, the zionist entity's major shipping company, and the 10th largest worldwide, from holding up the genocidal entity's flailing economy. They demand that All-Ways Forwarding, leave those boxes on the dock, and **#DontMoveZIM**. ALL-Ways is the firm which contracts trucking companies to get ZIM containers to & from the ZIM ships, which dock in Elizabeth, NJ almost weekly."

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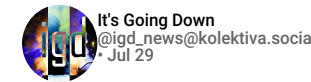


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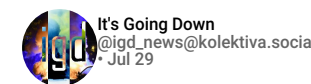


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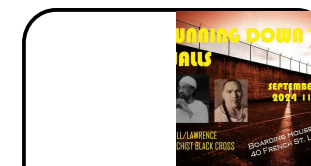
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For the past 25 years, groups like the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) have organized Running Down the Walls events on both sides of the prison walls to raise money for political prisoners.

Check out our growing list of RDTWs events across the US.

<https://itsgoingdown.org/running-down-the-walls-2024-the-25th-anniversary/>

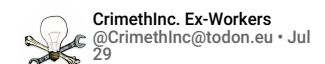


We spoke with Steve Ongerth about the radical history of **#RedwoodSummer**, and how **#IWW** and **#EarthFirst** organizer Judi Bari worked to bring together timber workers and radical environmentalists fighting to save old-growth forests.

<https://itsgoingdown.org/steve-ongerth-on-the-bombing-of-judi-bari-and-redwood-summer/>



Steve Ongerth on the Bombing of Judi Bari and Redwood Summer  
On this episode of the It's Going Down podcast, we speak with Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) organizer and historian Steve Onger...



124 years ago today, Gaetano Bresci, an Italian anarchist who had already risked his life to save Errico Malatesta from an assassination attempt, sacrificed his life to impose consequences on the king of Italy for the deaths of hundreds of poor working people.

Under interrogation, he insisted that he acted alone, and said:

"I'm sure I was not wrong to do what I did. I do not even intend to appeal. I appeal only to the next proletarian revolution."

In his honor, we produced our first singing zine (sound on!). This particular zine performs "Alla stazione di monza," one of several traditional Italian songs about Bresci's courageous act of self-sacrifice.

You can read our biography of Bresci here:



powers and secretive nature, grand juries have been used by the government to gather information on political movements and to disrupt those movements by causing fear and mistrust. The grand jury lends itself to being used for improper political investigation due in part to the prosecutor's ability to question witnesses without regard for rules that prohibit irrelevant, unreliable or unlawfully obtained evidence. Those called before the grand jury may be compelled to answer any question, even those relating to lawful personal and political activities. That information has been used by the government as a basis to conduct further surveillance and disruption of political dissent. When used against political movements, the grand jury causes fear and mistrust because persons who refuse to answer questions about their First Amendment political activities, friends and associates may be jailed for the life of the grand jury: up to 18 months. If a witness asserts their Fifth Amendment right to remain silent, they may be forced to accept immunity or go to jail for contempt. Even a witness who attempts to cooperate can be jailed if minor inconsistencies are found in their testimony. Such a perjury charge may stand even when the grand jury fails to hand down any indictment for what it was ostensibly investigating.

The grand jury is a complicated and opaque process, by design. Our movements have decades of experience resisting grand juries, and there are resources available to learn more and support those who resist. If you have been contacted by federal law enforcement, the National Lawyers Guild has a national federal defense hotline at 212-679-2811.

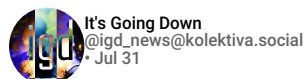
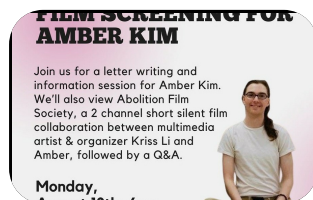
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Upcoming event for Amber Kim at the Pipsqueak Infoshop in [Seattle](#).

Who recently was on "hunger strike protesting her involuntary transfer to a men's prison."

More info here: <https://truthout.org/articles/even-when-trans-women-win-transfers-to-womens-prisons-they-still-arent-safe/>



Don't miss the latest episode of the It's Going Down podcast with [@susurros](#) who speaks with Flor, a compa in so-called Mexico actively involved in supporting anarchist political prisoner Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel. They speak about Okupa Che, an autonomous, self-managed space on the campus of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), a project where Yorch has been a long-term participant.

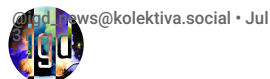
They then talk about the various charges and legal battles Yorch has faced since 2016, his ongoing imprisonment since December 8, 2022, and his recent sentence of seven years and six months. Flor also provides information on how folks can act in solidarity with Yorch and discusses the cases of other political prisoners in Mexico.

<https://itsgoingdown.org/building-support-for-anarchist-political-prisoner-jorge-yorch-esquivel-and-okupa-che/>



Building Support for Anarchist Political Prisoner Jorge Yorch Esquivel and Okupa Che  
On this episode of the It's Going Down podcast, IGD contributor Scott Campbell speaks with Flor, a compa in so-called Mexico actively invo...

It's Going Down



On the latest episode of [#ThisIsAmerica](#), we spoke with organizers of the Health Autonomy Convergence, an anarchist and abolition gathering of healers and health-care workers in [#Vermont](#) this October.

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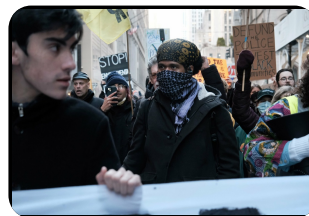


"Cop City is also backed by some of the top donors to the powerful pro-Israel lobbying group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Initially approved in 2021 by the Atlanta City Council despite major community opposition, Cop City has faced criticism for being many things, including a grave misuse of resources and an attack on Indigenous rights and critical green space. But organizers also see another disturbing aspect to Cop City: It will deepen a policing ecosphere in Atlanta with close ties to Israeli forces that oppress Palestinians."

[#StopCopCity](#) [#CopCity](#) [#FreePalestine](#) [#Gaza](#) [#FreeGaza](#) [#CeasefireNow](#)

<https://truthout.org/articles/atlantas-cop-city-is-funded-by-some-of-the-same-billionaires-who-back-aipac/>



Atlanta's Cop City Is Funded by Some of the Same Billionaires Who Back AIPAC

simply to shine a spotlight on the presence of anarchist militants in the U.S. labor movement. More substantively, we ask participants to critically reflect on their experiences, including both successes and failures, to draw out generalizable lessons.

Some, but not all of those interviewed in this series are members of Black Rose / Rosa Negra.

Answers have been edited for clarity and length.

## June - Academic Worker

**BRRN:** How would you summarize your politics in one sentence?

**June:** Anarchism. Popular and direct democratic control of our communities.

**BRRN:** Share background about the campaign you are working on.

**June:** I am organizing with a university graduate worker union in an East Coast city with a bargaining unit of about four thousand members. The campaign started in the mid-2010s by a core of communist-leaning graduate students forming an organizing committee. After a few years and a series of problems and reversals (including disaffiliating from a large, well-known parent union that was being very unsupportive, and reaffiliating with a different one), we called a union election and won.

**BRRN:** Are you working with an established union or going independent?

**June:** We are working with an established parent union. We chose that route because they had a number of resources (full time paid staff, a lawyer, and the promise of independent funding) to offer. Some founders of our organization were not happy about this decision. The fully-independent option was, overall, too daunting for us, as we felt we would have to spread ourselves too thin with technical

aspects of internal data management, IT for our website, fundraising, labor law, etc.

**BRRN:** How do you see your anarchist politics as relating to organizing for power with coworkers?

**June:** My anarchist politics have a high level of correspondence with the key organizers in my union. We all want to use popular power to build worker control, equality, and dignity in the workplace. We have also seen that governments and union bureaucracies are a dead end of history, and these methods cannot be used to achieve our goals.

Many union members are in the vaguely socialist/libertarian socialist politics space, and most of them are either familiar with the politics of existing organizations such as the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL), International Socialist Organization (ISO), or were themselves former members of such organizations. Many of them burned out from this socialist party-centric organizing and turned to direct labor organizing as a way to act on their political principles.

**BRRN:** Do you ever talk about your anarchist politics with coworkers? Do you talk "politics" (world events, local power structures) with your coworkers at all?

**June:** We talk frequently about world events and "political" topics because of our similar class background (we all work in the same job, after all) and the fact that we live in a socially liberal East Coast city. Maybe because their average age skews pretty young, most of them feel a justified distaste of capitalism. We have a high degree of agreement on hating landlords, bosses, and cops, and on wanting to live in a better, more equal, less violent world.

The biggest disagreement we've seen in our union is that a vocal minority (no more than 5%) of our rank-and-file seems to be supporters of Zionism, which has caused strife with our organizers and union reps, who all are anti-Zionist.

**BRRN:** Does your campaign include others who see themselves as 'political', but are part of a different political tradition or political organization?

**June:** Amazingly we have no strong presence of people who see themselves as "political" in a different tradition or organization. Our members who were previously in ISO or PSL have broken with those organizations and now disagree with their authoritarian positions (an ex-PSL member now helps run our Libertarian Socialist Reading Group), and our members who are also members of DSA do not have any contradictions with our union's goals, values, or activities. The only exception is that Socialist Alternative and PSL have reached out to us and offered support, but we voted to reject their advances, as many of us have come to believe that state communist parties are reactionary, parasitic, and historically obsolete political formations, with very little to offer the labor movement.

**BRRN:** Does organizing in unions fit into your vision for transforming society or for revolution?

**June:** We hope that organizing in unions will assist with advancing the goals of social revolution because it teaches workers to fight together, to count on each other, and to identify and hate the class enemy. However, unions in the U.S. and their parent labor federations are probably hopelessly integrated with the capitalist state and bourgeois political parties and will need to be either transcended, dissolved, or left behind in the movement forward toward a revolution and a new society. Although I do not speak for all my fellow workers, some of us see unions as a preparation for skill-building, making social connections, and devising new political understandings, which is a precursor for forming the kind of "new" revolutionary organizations when the time is at hand for a serious rupture within society.

**BRRN:** What resources have helped you most as you've organized?



**June:** [Labor Notes](#) has been an amazing resource. Shout out to LN for all their help. Also we read “[Contradictions of Paid Staff in the Labor Movement](#)” by Roger Williams, “[Class Struggle Unionism](#)” by Joe Burns, and “[Ready for Revolution: The CNT defense committees in Barcelona, 1933-1938](#)” by Agustín Guillamón.

**BRRN:** What advice can you share with anarchists looking to organize a union? What do you wish you had known when you started?

**June:** Don't be afraid to talk to strangers constantly, every day of your life. Get used to it and get good at it if you're not very social. Also, something I wish I had known when I started: meet people where they are, be empathetic, and also be genuine about your beliefs (if not too direct about how much you want strikes, ruptures, and revolutions).

I don't always say the word anarchism around my coworkers, but they know I want workers and regular people to be in the driver's seat in society, and they know I hate the government and cops, and I think society should be run as a participatory direct democracy instead. Surprisingly, people can and do totally understand that and respect it. Even the liberals in the union who disagree with the radicals—including us anarchists—can't doubt our honesty, our conviction, and the success of our methods.

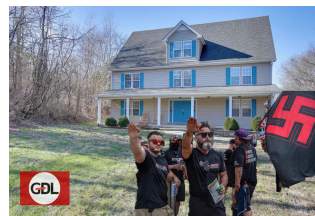
If you enjoyed this interview, we also recommend [this interview with a Rutgers University adjunct faculty member on their 2023 strike](#).

**Antifascists Expose Rental Home of Neo-Nazis Who Attacked a Bartender in Nashville as Locals Call for Counter-Protest**  
*July 16, 2024*

Antifascist researchers at [GDL Exposed](#) are reporting that [a group of violent neo-Nazis who rallied in Tennessee on Monday, July 15th](#). According to a [press release from Nashville officials](#):

Central Precinct officers tonight charged a Nazi flag carrying protestor with felony aggravated assault for using the flagpole to strike a downtown bartender who had just been involved in a physical altercation with members of the Neo-Nazi protest group...Ryan Scott McCann, 29, of Ontario, Canada, is also charged with disorderly conduct. A judicial commissioner ordered that he be held in lieu of \$81,000 bond, which will require a source hearing before a Davidson County judge...McCann was part of a group of Neo-Nazi protestors who carried Nazi flags and spread white supremacist rhetoric this afternoon on Broadway at 3rd Avenue to the displeasure of passersby.

The [Goyim Defense League \(GDL\)](#) are known for pushing baseless anti-Semitic conspiracy theories through flyers and banner drops and openly flying swastika flags. The group's leader, [Jon Minadeo](#), originally from the bay area, has since moved to Florida after being exposed by local antifascists.



Nashville has seen several neo-Nazi rallies in the past few weeks, with [Patriot Front holding an unannounced march through the city on July 4th](#). Patriot Front is a rebrand of Vanguard America, one of the neo-Nazi groups which marched in Charlottesville in August of 2017. James Alex Fields, who marched with the group, drove his car through a group of protesters, killing Heather Heyer.

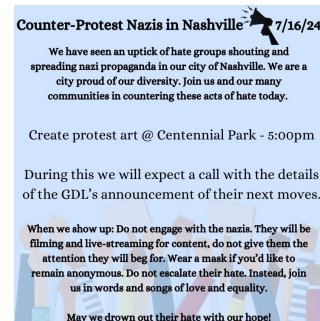
According to [GDL Exposed](#):

The neo-Nazi group Goyim Defense League has been [harassing and assaulting](#) Nashville residents since Saturday as part of their 6th “Name The Nose Tour.” About 20 members of the hate group have traveled across the US and Canada to attend this event and are staying in a vacation rental property [in] Scottsville, KY.

In a [video](#) the GDL took for social media, and have now deleted, several GDL members can be seen bagging up flyers that [litter communities](#) across the country.

According to Evolve Property Management, the manager of the rental property the Nazis are staying in, [the unit is reserved as for “personal use” by the property’s owner from July 12th to the 22nd; the exact duration of the GDL hate tour](#). We have contacted the property owner and their relatives to let them know that violent neo-Nazis are using it as a home base to [attack people in Nashville](#), but we have not received a reply at time of publication.

[GLD Exposed](#) goes on to write that the owner of the property has a “social media presence [that] suggests that she is a far right-wing supporter and may be sympathetic to the Nazis she is hosting.”



In response to ongoing activity and violence from out of town neo-Nazis, locals are organizing a counter-protest on July 16th.

**After Lies and**

to June 27th. At one point, Casey went hypoglycemic and ate some gummy worms (C is diabetic).

The strike had 4 main demands:  
- A pencil sharpener so that people can consistently write letters, grievances, etc.  
- An increase in water pressure so that people don't have to put their lips to the faucet in order to drink.  
- An end to weekend lockdowns, the jail predictably claiming that this is due to “staffing issues”  
- Increased yard time and use of recreational equipment. (Currently the unit only receives 1 hour of yard time a week on a bare yard with no equipment, balls, etc.)

In parallel with the hunger strike, Casey filed grievances on each of these issues and circulated a petition around the unit regarding the issue of weekend lockdowns.

On the morning of June 27th a deputy met with Casey and committed to meeting the first two demands. (A working pencil sharpener and increased water pressure.)

With the meeting of these two demands, Casey agreed to end their hunger strike and ate lunch on June 27th. Casey said they intend to eat, get rest, and to study further on the policies and case law surrounding such lockdowns which already seem to violate policy and federal law. Deputies have also agreed to take up the remaining two demands with their superiors.

Casey wants everyone to know they are doing well despite their conditions. Casey appreciates all the letters and books and wants everyone to know that all mail is processed really slowly but they do intend to respond in due time.

Casey signed off with “Love and Struggle.”

All inquiries, asks, offers, or requests to subscribe to these updates can be sent to [cscommittee\[at\]proton.me](#)

**Final Straw: Cyprus Hartford Resists Federal**

**Grand Jury & MACC Film Festival**  
*July 8, 2024*

**Long running anarchist radio and podcast show the *Final Straw* looks at the case of a grand jury resister in South Carolina and an anarchist film festival in New York.**

This week we're featuring three segments. First up, you'll a conversation I had with Asphalt, a supporter of a recent federal grand jury resister in Charleston, South Carolina.

After that Cyprus Hartford, the grand jury resister, speaks for herself [and reads her statement of resistance](#).

Finally, you can find an interview that Ian did with [Marisa Holmes](#) and Molly of the Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Committee about their recent [anarchist film festival](#).

Then you'll hear Sean Swain's review of the presidential debate.

**Past GJ Eps**

- Steve Martinez resists NoDAPL GJ in [2021](#)
- Jeremy Hammond resists Wikileaks-related GJ in [2019](#) & [2020](#)
- Chelsea Manning resists Wikileaks-related GJ in [2019](#)
- Katie Yow resists NC GJ in [2017](#)
- Standing Rock GJ resistance in [2016](#)
- Jerry Koch resists NYC GJ in [2013](#)
- Resistance to GJ in Pacific Northwest in 2013 ( [1](#) & [2](#) )
- San Francisco GJ with Ian Coldwater in [2012](#)

**Federal Grand Juries**

By way of introduction to this first segment, I'd like to remind people that none of the people speaking about grand juries here are lawyers, but we are sharing information

we've gotten from lawyers and legal experts to the best of our abilities. I'm going to read a bit from the website [NCResistsTheGrandJury.Wordpress](#)

**What is a Grand Jury?**

In the federal legal system, the grand jury is used to decide whether someone should be charged (“indicted”) for a serious crime. The grand jury hears evidence presented by the prosecutor: the U.S. Attorney. The grand jury uses subpoenas to gather this evidence. It can subpoena documents, physical evidence, and witnesses to testify. The “special” federal grand jury, created in 1970, can be used to investigate “possible” organized criminal activity rather than a specific crime. The California legal system also has grand juries, but it is optional whether criminal prosecutions are initiated by grand jury indictment, or by a complaint by the District Attorney and preliminary hearing before a judge.

**How is a Grand Jury Different Than a Trial Jury?**

Unlike the “petit” jury, which is used to determine guilt in a trial, a grand jury consists of 16 to 23 jurors who are not screened for bias. The purpose of the grand jury is not to determine guilt or innocence, but to decide whether there is probable cause to prosecute someone for a felony crime. The grand jury operates in secrecy and the normal rules of evidence do not apply. The prosecutor runs the proceedings and no judge is present. Defense lawyers are not allowed to be present in the grand jury room and cannot present evidence, but may be available outside the room to consult with witnesses. The prosecutor and the grand jury members may not reveal what occurred in the grand jury room and witnesses cannot obtain a transcript of their testimony.

**How Has the Grand Jury Been Used by the State?**

Because of their broad subpoena

the pigs could arrest anyone..."



Meanwhile in so-called Canada, [solidarity protest encampments building occupations](#), and [riots](#) have popped off in [Toronto](#) and [Montreal](#). In Montreal, people organized a solidarity encampment for several months and on June 6th, a campus administration building was also occupied, leading to clashes between riot police and defenders of the occupation.

As a report on [Montreal Counter-Info](#) wrote:

Hundreds of police officers were then mobilized to secure the area around the building and allow the police officers inside to intervene and arrest the 13 students trapped inside.

The aggressiveness of the police and their ridiculous effort to arrest a handful of students quickly heated things up. The students on the ground began to prepare for a police dispersal operation. While a small line held the west of the area, the forces converged to the east to hold a line against the massing riot police. Aided by more experienced activists, the students then began to stand in collective defense formations. Shortly afterwards, the police attempted a first charge into the lines. Surprisingly, despite pepper spray, gas, shields and truncheons, the lines held firm. While the bulk of the force seemed to be made up of activists new to street confrontations, the lines withstood a police charge and managed to push back the riot line... Whatever prompted the people gathered there to stand firm, their actions were more than commendable.

As night fell and tension began to

mount again, the students abandoned the campus and took to the surrounding streets. The forces of the student intifada learned the language of the riot, bank windows were smashed... every available object to form barricades was used to block access to police vehicles as the students took control of the streets for a few hours.

For more updates, check out [Clash MTL on Mastodon](#).



In [Cambridge, MA](#):

Activists have occupied the Cambridge Democracy Center in order to combat and resist the unilateral decision made by its NGO owners to shutter the space, implicitly in response to community opposition to their permitting Zionist organizations to use it as an organizing space. The DC has been a fixture of movement and political organizing in the city and its loss would be a crucial blow to the progressive ecosystem.

Yesterday morning, courageous militants did just that. They escalated the struggle, seizing control of the building and declaring it the People's Democracy Center, calling on all of us to stand with them and keep the space alive for future generations of organizers and artists who might call it home. It is our responsibility to answer their call and stand with our comrades.

Finally in Iowa, a fur farm was raided by animal liberationists. [According to a communiqué](#):

June 20th All cages were opened, all breeding cards were scattered or destroyed, and perimeter fences were leveled at Schmucker Fox Farm in Luzerne, Iowa. Anyone can do

this, and the summer has just begun...

## Upcoming Events

- **July 2nd - 9th:** Hudson Valley, Earth First! Gathering. [More info here.](#)
- **July 12th - 14th:** Dual Power Gathering. Pacific Northwest. [More info here.](#)
- **July 25th:** Benefit for Antifascist Prisoners. Bremerton, WA. [More info here.](#)
- **August 31st:** Halifax Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 7th:** Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 7th - 8th:** Montreal Anarchist Tech Conference. [More info here.](#)
- **September 20th - 22nd:** NYC Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 21st - 22nd:** Victoria Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 28th:** Hamilton Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **September 28th - 29th:** Seattle Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **October 6th:** Bay Area Anarchist Bookfair. [More info here.](#)
- **October 18th - 20th:** Northeast Health Autonomy Convergence. [More info here.](#)
- **November 26th - 28th:** Indigenous anarchist convergence. Occupied so-called Phoenix, AZ. [More info here.](#)

## An Update on Casey Goonan's Recent Hunger Strike

July 8, 2024

Report posted to [Indybay](#) about recent hunger strike by political prisoner Casey Goonan in so-called California. Cover photo via [Indybay](#).

Over issues of poor basic conditions in their housing unit, Casey went on hunger strike, refusing trays and only taking liquids from June 22nd

## Inaction from Slumlord Byong Yu, Tenants Picket KP Market

July 16, 2024

Report from Tenant and Neighborhood Councils on recent rally and picket of a landlord in Oakland, CA.

Oakland, CA — On Sunday, July 14, the Valley Street Tenant Council and Tenant and Neighborhood Councils carried out a noisy picket at KP Market, owned by landlord Byong Yu. If Byong Yu fails to respond to tenants' demands for basic habitability repairs and dignified housing, the union will call for a boycott of KP Market.

A crowd of some 50 tenants, protesting the landlord's eviction-via-disrepair campaign, picketed at the grocery store and then marched to the Koreatown Northgate business district office where Byong Yu has been a longtime member and participant.

Byong Yu has refused to repair the apartment he owns at 2341 Valley Street despite years of tenant complaints and city citations, leaving families living with water-damaged walls and ceilings, no heat, and rampant pests. (For some documentation of habitability issues at the building, see below.)

[https://itsgoingdown.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Credit\\_MarchtoKONO1.mp4](https://itsgoingdown.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Credit_MarchtoKONO1.mp4)

Tenants brought these issues to the City of Oakland's Rent Adjustment Program, but have been met with lies and even a disappearing act from Byong Yu's representative, BLVD Residential property manager Julieann Phipps. The city has not acted to hold Byong Yu responsible. (For additional information on the Rent Adjustment Program hearings, see below)

"We know what it's like to live in a place where they don't pay tenants any attention, they don't do repairs, they don't listen to you, and you don't have adequate housing," said

Antonia, a council member picketing with her young children.

"We are not living here for free, we've been paying our rent, so why have we been abandoned by the owner and the manager," said Maria, another council member. "I think that the city is now more aware of the situation we're living in than the owner or manager."

"Thank you to everyone here, together we are taking a very important step to advance our apartments, our building, into a model for a just and dignified place to live in Oakland," said Arturo, another council member.



The multilingual, working-class tenants of this rent-controlled housing have long complained to management and city officials about leaks, pests, security concerns, mold and lack of heating.

Tenants first picketed KP market in November 2023, before their first hearing with the Rent Adjustment Program.

In addition to owning KP Market, Byong Yu is a major Oakland landlord who enjoys a powerful role with the Koreatown Northgate (KONO) business improvement district. Byong Yu has been a longtime participant and [Advisory Board member](#) of the KONO business district, at the same time as he refused to make basic repairs for his tenants in the neighborhood. (Note that the Advisory Board positions have now been removed from the website, but we're included as late as 2023. Byong Yu has also served as the Chair of the Security and Operations committee.)

Just behind his flagship grocery market, Byong Yu subjects his tenants at 2341 Valley Street to

severe and protracted habitability issues in an attempt to empty the 41-unit apartment building.

In the past three years, city inspectors have issued Byong Yu four notices of violation for missing radiators, chronic leaks, mold, infestation, and crumbling drywall. Still, Yu has refused to make repairs.

Early in the pandemic, Yu's tenants formed the Valley Street Tenant Council in affiliation with Tenant and Neighborhood Councils (TANC) to collectively resist the landlord's constructive eviction, demanding repairs and dignified housing conditions for their families and neighbors.

## Charitable Bail Funds Fight Back Against Georgia's New Bail Law

July 16, 2024

Report from the [Atlanta Community Press Collective](#) on legal resistance to the attacks on bail funds in Georgia.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Georgia filed a federal lawsuit Friday challenging provisions of Georgia Senate Bill 63 (SB 63) that threaten to criminalize the operation of charitable bail funds.

The ACLU argues that these provisions violate constitutional rights, including freedom of speech, association, and religion.

Partnering with the nonprofit and nonpartisan Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown Law, which uses legal strategies to defend constitutional rights, the ACLU filed the suit on behalf of [Barred Business Foundation](#), a nonprofit serving formerly incarcerated individuals, and John Cole Vodicka and Steven Williams, two Athens residents who operate a bail fund through the Oconee Street United Methodist Church.

"There are important







we will be facilitating a space with several organizers from different autonomous struggles discussing the coming terrain - no matter who wins the upcoming election.

We want the bookfair to be a place for people to come together, plug into autonomous projects, reflect and discuss current struggles, and connect with a growing community of people who want to build power from below and against this nightmare goosestepping us into the apocalypse. *Join us!*

## Want to Table or Host a Workshop?

Want to table at the Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair? We invite anarchist and autonomous anti-capitalist and anti-colonial projects, organizations, publishers, and distros to email us at: [sacabf@proton.me](mailto:sacabf@proton.me). We are asking that tablers help out with a donation to help pay for the space, but no project will be turned away for lack of funds.

While we are organizing a variety of panels, discussions, and workshops, if you are looking to host a workshop, a panel, or a talk, we invite you to also email us at: [sacabf@proton.me](mailto:sacabf@proton.me) and let us know what you are interested in presenting. All proposals will be reviewed and considered.

Space may be limited - so contact us as soon as possible!

## About the Space: Accessibility, Masking & Beyond

The event will take place at the historic [Washington Neighborhood Center \(WNC\)](#), located at 400 16th Street, a long-running grassroots community space serving the Chicano community in Sacramento and beyond.

Like last year, masking at the bookfair is mandatory. Upon entry, we will have free N95 masks, COVID tests, and hand sanitizer, with air purifiers and fans running throughout the venue.

We will also have a chill outdoor area to rest and hydrate, along with a space for children and parents. Both inside and outside spaces at the WNC are wheelchair accessible. Food options will be available for those looking for food. Gender neutral bathrooms are also at the space. Free parking is available around the WNC.

## Follow Us on Instagram!

[Follow us on Instagram here!](#)

## Help Us Promote the Event!

Help promote the event by sharing this image online and telling people about the bookfair!



## Get in Touch!

Have questions or concerns, want to get involved, help promote, or donate to help cover costs? Email us here: [sacabf@proton.me](mailto:sacabf@proton.me)

*See you in September!*

## This Is America #197: Resistance Roundup, Josh Fernandez on Antifascist History, Peter Gelderloos on Supreme Court & Beyond

July 10, 2024

Welcome, to *This Is America*, July 8th, 2024.

On today's episode, we speak first with Josh Fernandez, author of the new book, [The Hands That Crafted the Bomb: The Making of a Lifelong Antifascist](#), out now on PM Press.

We then speak with [anarchist author and organizer Peter Gelderloos](#), about the recent debacle and fallout following the [so-called Presidential debate](#), and the [draconian rulings](#) from the [Supreme Court](#).

All this and more, but first, *let's get to the news!*

## Living and Fighting



On June 29th, angry crowds rallied and occupied a city hall building in Utica, New York, after police shot and killed Nyah Mway, a 13 year-old boy and refugee originally born in Myanmar and a member of the Karen ethnic community. In a horrific scene reminiscent of [Oscar Grant's grisly execution in Oakland, California in 2009](#), which [kicked off a wave of riots](#), police could be seen on video stopping Mway in a residential neighborhood, leading to a foot chase. In a video recorded by a

FDR Park for any reason, leave your shipping address in the comment box at registration, and we'll mail you a t-shirt. If you would like to make an additional contribution beyond your own registration, please sponsor a participant either outside prison, inside prison, or one of each. Contact us for more information on sponsoring.

Due to the abominable conditions that political prisoners and freedom fighters are subjected to, let's drum up support now more than ever. Join us as we celebrate our successes this last year, including the releases of [Veronza Bowers](#) and [Eric King](#), and build momentum for the struggles ahead!

Sunday, September 15, 2024

11 am sharp (Yoga warm-up at 10am)  
FDR Park

## Toronto Police Approaching People to be Confidential Informants

July 16, 2024

Report on how police are attempting to attack the movement in solidarity with Palestine by approaching activists to become confidential informants. Originally posted to [North Shore Counter-Info](#).

In case you missed it, Toronto Police have recently been attempting an old tactic against Palestinian solidarity organizers: soliciting arrestees to become confidential informants.

While this isn't a new tactic, the blatant and concerted attempt to conjure informants in community organizing spaces is.

Writing this, I know of at least four separate individuals approached by police.

Each approach has been similar: the individual is arrested, charged, and then prior to being released, approached by a detective from Toronto Police's Hate Crimes &

Extremism Unit (HCEU).

Many major municipal police forces in so-called southern Ontario have a HCEU, usually nested within their "Intelligence Division". These are the units that track and gather intel on protests, organizers, and mobilizers. The municipal units together form a provincial network - the Hate Crime Extremism Investigation Team (HCEIT) - which attend trainings together, document and share intel in various ways, and work closely with provincial and federal intelligence bodies.\*

The detective's approach is very straightforward: they inquire whether the individual knows what a "confidential informant" or "CI" is. The detective suggests that perhaps the individual has concerns about the actions of some of their comrades, and they tell the arrestee that if they have information to share it doesn't need to happen through their lawyer. In some cases there's an insinuation that the detective could talk to the crown on their behalf if were to provide information, but without promising anything.

It's worth noting that we have seen police make informational approaches to individuals in the GTHA area before.

In Hamilton during the height of Landback Lane we saw [the OPP approach an individual](#), suggesting they may be concerned about what people they knew were up to. Likewise, Hamilton Police have previously coerced people in to coming to the police station under the guise that they were being charged. Instead they were solicited for information, then released. As well, during escalating anti-line 9 organizing, at least one individual in the Waterloo region was approached by an intelligence body to inform on people.

In each of these cases - as well as the recent Toronto examples - the individuals being approached were "newer" or peripheral to organizing (at least locally). Police intentionally choose to approach these individuals because they believe:

- The individual may not have

the support of others at that time, and out of duress (real or imagined) may give information

- The individual has yet to develop core politics of the struggle (i.e. ACAB/Don't talk to cops)
- The individual may not have developed attachment to the people or struggle they're being asked to inform on, and more likely to give up information as a result

While police may most often approach folks new to the scene, this isn't good reason to exclude those new enthusiastic folks from our spaces or movements - but it is a good reason we need to take the time to get to know folks coming in to our scenes and circles as often as possible. Building genuine relational movements means people are better supported (not just in moments of repression, but especially then), and more likely to move us towards building movements that can grow in both size and risk-taking, while resisting repression.

Remember: Don't talk to cops!

## A Mini Primer on Informants

People might agree to inform because of:

1. Fear/Isolation
  1. This could be fear of their legal predicament, or something police have done to covertly or overtly threaten them, or both. Especially fear in isolation/without support.
2. Attention, self-importance
  1. Making themselves important to someone, even if it's a fucking pig.
3. Conflict/Bad Politics
  1. They don't have ACAB politics - they believe police will solve whatever issue they have with whomever or whatever, or they're pissed at someone (in combo with bad politics)

Which leaves us with: What can

WE do, collectively, to dissuade or render CI's useless?

1. Have and continue building good [security culture](#) and OpSec practises.
2. Create opportunities in movements (especially) for people to question and understand anti-cop politics, even if it's via an anonymous zine library or reading group. Learn to have hard conversations.
3. Actively & proactively counter fear of repression by discussing it, creating opportunities for connection and relationship building with others experiencing it or likely to experience it - both in private groups and larger ones.
4. Build a culture of support, debrief, openness & transparency about repression, police & police approaches
5. Build skills, spaces, and support for conflict resolution in community. Police are adept in creating or inflaming controversy, and it's only leaning in to hard conversations that will move us clearly through those moments.

## Other Things to Remember

1. Police don't need to arrest someone to approach them to be a CI.
2. We give police intel in many other ways - work on things in your control. Security culture. Operational security. Tech security. Be cognizant of everything you're doing on frontlines while under surveillance: Are you taking photos on your phone and immediately posting to a key social media account? Are you always talking to the same few people right before a big decision is announced?
3. Someone disagreeing with you, your ideas, or your politics does not mean they're a cop, informant, infiltrator, or disruptor. This type of thinking can paralyze us, and is ignorant. Large movements attract a huge number of people with difference

backgrounds, experiences, ideas, all at varying moments in their political development. Your differences may mean you need to have some conversations or even reconsider collaborating - but that can usually be done amicably.

**And finally, some affirmation:** Police making a concerted effort to flip people means they want information - which means they don't have the information they're hoping to have. This is good news, and in some ways may even indicate that reasonable security practices are already working. Keep at it!

### \* Further notes on Hate Crime Extremism Units

The following police department HCEU's form the provincial Hate Crime Extremism Investigation Team (HCEIT): Guelph, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Waterloo, Durham, Halton, Oxford, Toronto, York Region, Peel Region, Stratford, Brantford, Niagara.

HCEIT works with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Criminal Investigation Services Ontario (CISO), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS) & Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

It's worth noting that there have been recent and continuous federal, provincial funding being given to municipal hate crime units to investigate "antisemitism" and anti-muslim incidents. Antisemitism is in quotes because the state and some pro-Israel bodies sees all pro-Palestinian action as antisemitism, not because there have not been instances of such since October 7th - and prior. Regardless, my point is that [we are in a moment of heightened state surveillance and repression](#) around pro-Palestinian organizing with some level of joint national and provincial directives happening. Act like it - but keep f'cking shit up!

Photo by [Scott Rodgers](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## An Update from Grand Jury Resistor Cyprus Hartford

July 12, 2024

Update on grand jury resistor Cyprus Hartford from South Carolina. To read more about this case, [go here](#).

After only around a week, we reached my fundraising goal of \$5,000. The outpouring of solidarity I've experienced, both online and in person, is something I wish to extend to all. Our power comes from our solidarity. It's such a privilege to be a member of such a supportive community. Through every step of this process, I've received help and support from many people.

This money will be used to pay for legal fees throughout the process. Around \$1000 will be set aside for this process. In the meantime, \$1000 or less will be used to cover my living expenses so that I'm able to exist between now and the subpoena date. \$3000 will be set aside as funding for existing in prison in the event I'm incarcerated. It's likely more funds will need to be raised, as I could be incarcerated for up to eighteen months.

On August 13, 2024 at 8:00 AM I'm calling for a rally and press conference outside of Hollings Judicial Center at 85 Broad Street in Charleston, South Carolina. I am scheduled to appear in court at 9am, so this rally will be held before I enter the courtroom. It will be a time to celebrate our solidarity and show that our love is stronger than the fear the state instills in us. The date and time for this rally may be subject to change if I am called to testify at a different time.

I am never going to comply with a subpoena or cooperate with a grand jury. I am an anarchist and I reject all grand juries as archaic, opaque, and undemocratic. The state will never be able to coerce me into testifying. Any prison time they threaten me with would be a punishment without trial and a stain on the American legal system.

May we live to see a day when none of our friends are held hostage by the state.

With love and rage,

Cyprus Hartford

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## Peet's Coffee Employees "March on the Boss" as IWW Union Campaign Expands to Fourth Store

July 11, 2024

Workers at Peet's Coffee and members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), organized a "march on the boss" in Berkeley, California, announcing that a fourth store had joined the campaign to unionize the coffee giant in the bay area. In 2023, ["Peet's workers at the Southside Berkeley, Temescal and Piedmont locations each voted to unionize"](#) with the IWW, winning victories in an industry [known for union busting](#).



SOURCE: [Bay Area IWW](#)

Members of the IWW marched and rallied both inside and outside of the Peet's Coffee location in Berkeley, holding IWW picket signs and posters featuring the union's mascot, a black cat, symbolizing the wildcat strike. Members of the union and Peet's workers gave speeches which have now been [posted to social media](#).

"I joined this union because managers don't look out for workers...workers look out for workers...People at my shop don't have enough hours to get by...[to] make enough money for rent. People work two, three jobs...we are

not being looked out for by management..." [stated one Peet's worker and IWW member](#), during the rally inside the store.

According to a press release from the union:

Worker's from the 4th Street Peet's location in Berkeley filed a petition to join the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). The workers are organizing together to fight for better control over hours, higher wages, longer breaks, better training, and for worker power, among other demands. The 4th Street Workers filed their petition on July 8th.

Peet's was founded in 1966 in Berkeley in order to raise the quality of the US coffee industry. But while it started as a small-batch, specialty roaster, it has become a multinational corporation earning almost one billion dollars every year in profits. This growth has coincided with exploitative and cost-cutting business practices. Workers across Peet's face understaffing, lack of training, work intensification, and wage stagnation, leading to deteriorating service and Isabel, a 4th Street Barista, explained "To me, the Peet's Labor Union means empowerment and liberation for my fellow Peetniks. A less stressful work environment means I can better serve my community." Fair wages and hours are also a prime concern. Cam, another 4th Street Barista, noted that he's "joining Peet's Labor Union to fight for fair wages and working conditions" and was excited to build an organization that would exist for future workers at Peet's.

The 4th Street Peet's workers joined the IWW because of its commitment to union democracy, rank and file organizing, and its militant tactics. Frances, one of the shift leads at the 4th Street location, was inspired to join the IWW to unite with the other unionized Peet's stores due to the IWW's internal democracy. "We joined the IWW in solidarity with our fellow East Bay Peetniks and to have more direct control over our

unionization efforts. I like that the IWW is organized bottom up and truly wishes to change the system rather than just reform it."

The [Industrial Workers of the World \(IWW\)](#) was formed in 1905 around syndicalist principles of direct action and industrial unionism and called for general strike to "abolish the wage system" of capitalism. Recently in the bay area, the IWW has [unionized a variety of stores in the service and education sector](#), while in [Portland, Oregon, the union made history, organizing fast-food workers at the Burgerville USA chain](#) and winning the first "labor contract in the nation's fast-food industry."

photo via [Peet's Labor Union](#)

## Announcing the Second Annual Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair

July 10, 2024

Announcing the second annual Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair on Saturday, September 7th.

On occupied Miwok and Nisenan territory, we invite you to join us in so-called Sacramento on Saturday, September 7th, for the 2nd annual Sacramento Anarchist Bookfair. The event will feature tabling by publishers, projects, organizations, and distros along with panels, discussions, and hands on workshops. Doors will open at 10 AM and the event will go until around 7 PM. The event will take place at the Washington Neighborhood Center in Downtown Sacramento.

This year will feature panel discussions on mutual aid and autonomous disaster relief in the face of climate chaos and rising inflation, reports on tenant struggles, eviction defense, building solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees, the student intifada fighting against the ongoing war in Palestine, and much more. We are also excited to announce that former political prisoner Eric King will be a featured speaker! Finally,